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MMM...POPPINS!
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ONE DAY, RAM AND SHYAM WENT FOR A MOVIE...
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO WATCH THIS...
IT SURE IS CREEPY.
MONSTER
THE SPECIAL EFFECTS ARE AWESOME!
UH...TOO REAL, DON'T YOU THINK?
HALFWAY THROUGH THE MOVIE...
LOOK! THE MONSTERS!
HOW DID THEY GET OUT OF THE SCREEN?
THIS HAS TO BE SOME STUPID TRICK.
THEY'RE VANISHING EVERYBODY'S PURSES.
LOOK! THERE'S MONSTROY.
THAT EVIL ILLUSIONIST.
BUT SOMETHING CATCHES SHYAM'S EYE...
RAM, LOOK! THE MONSTERS AREN'T REAL, HE'S MAKING THEM WITH THE PROJECTOR!
BUT EVEN OUR BOYS HAVE A PLAN...
JUST SHOW POPPINS TO A MONSTER IT GETS THE JOB DONE FASTER.
SHYAM PLAYS WITH POPPINS IN FRONT OF THE PROJECTOR. THE MONSTERS TURN RED, YELLOW AND GREEN.
THE LIGHTS COME ON. RAM & SHYAM GET THE MONSTROY ARRESTED AFTER HAVING A GOOD LAUGH.
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Of all created things the loveliest.
And most divine are children.
-William Canton

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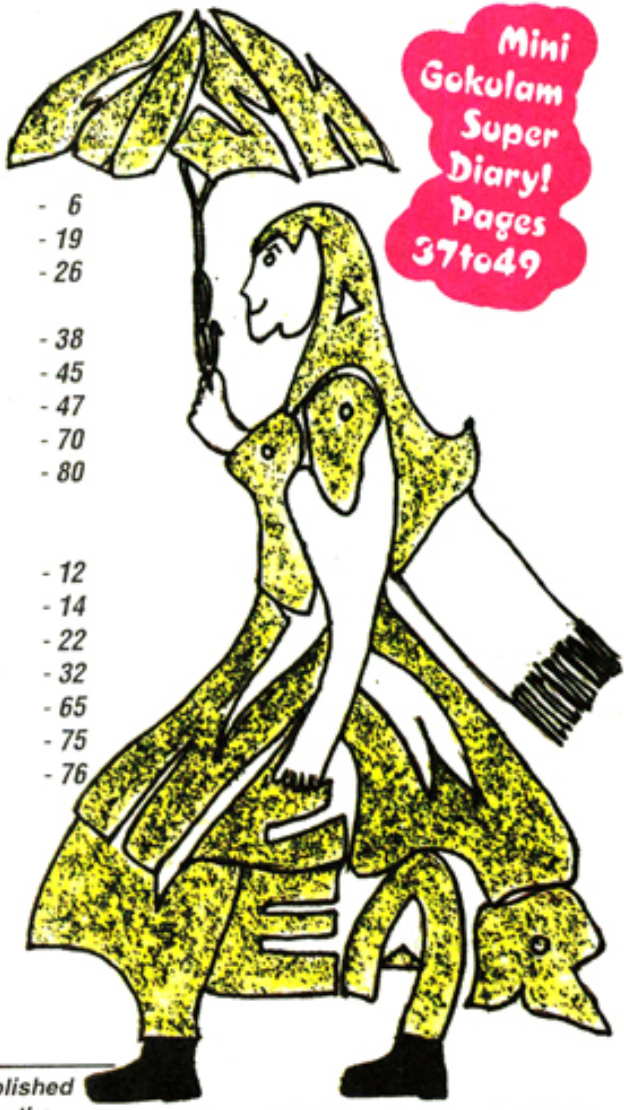

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A New Year Resolution!

Dear Reader,

The time has come for all of us to bid goodbye to the year 2007 and to welcome 2008. Once more the idea of a New Year Resolution is before us!

Many resolutions are made to be broken within a few days or weeks. I was wondering if there was one resolution which encompasses all that is good, while excluding all that is bad and it suddenly occured to me! It's very simple and perhaps an oft repeated slogan: **"I Love India."**

Once we make up our minds to be true to this slogan, all our activities will naturally and necessarily become good. Whether it is studies, sports or profession we shall be doing our very best - not for ourselves - but for the benefit of our country. We will be following and encouraging our own culture and tradition including the fine arts and not be carried away by western influences.

Truth, Love and Brotherhood will spread while falsehood hate and enemity will disappear. We will not be wasting our time in unproductive activities. Instead, we will be making use of every minute to do our best in our own sphere of activity.

For, the development and prosperity of a nation is the sum total of the productive endeavours of its people.

- Editor

Jokes

Rose: What do you think of the town band?

Lily: I think it should be banned.

- S.Sharadha, Std. VI, Vyasa Vidyalaya M.H.S.S, Chennai

Teacher: Akshit, what are 2,4,28,44?

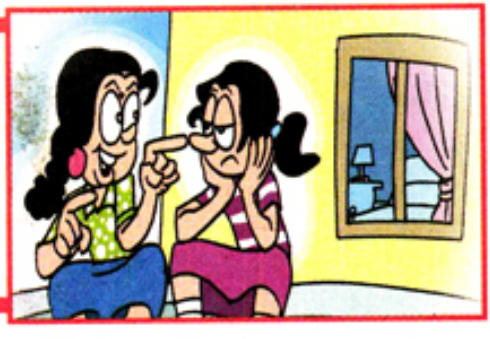
Akshit: Animax, Jetix, Pogo, Cartoon network.

- M.Akhila Raj, Std.VII, Sivani International School, Hyderabad

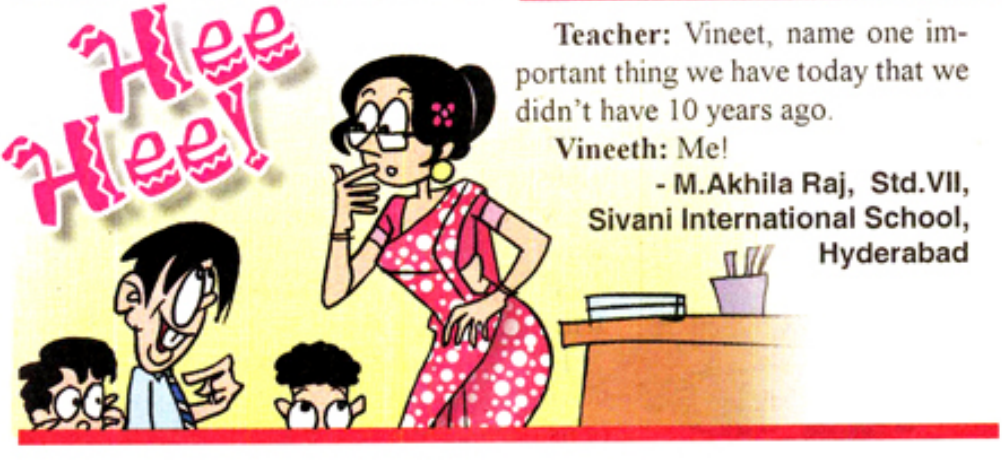
Gita: I can't sleep! I keep thinking there's a mouse under the bed.

Rita: Well, think that there is a cat under the bed too!

- B.N.Shivraj, Std.V, Navodaya Vidaynikethana School, Bengalooru



Hee Hee!



Teacher: Vineet, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have 10 years ago.

Vineeth: Me!

- M.Akhila Raj, Std.VII, Sivani International School, Hyderabad

Exhibition

Stamps

Stamp collection is one of the most popular hobbies. Stamps are "the windows of a nation through which people may behold its heritage and nature". They reflect every aspect of a nation's life including its history, art, architecture, flora and fauna, great personalities, various aspects of science and technology etc.

People collect stamps not only for what they are worth in themselves but also for their designs, the stories they tell, the events they commemorate. Collection and study of stamps is called 'philately.'

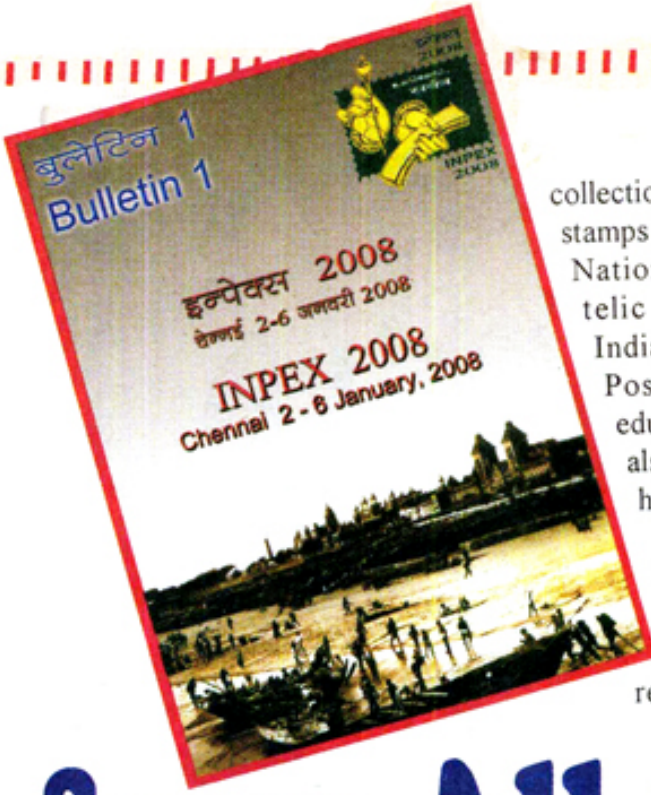
Several national and international exhibitions have been held from time to time to create awareness among the public about philately. India Post has so far conducted nine National Philatelic Exhibitions in different parts of the country.

Now, the Tamilnadu Postal Circle has the opportunity of organizing the Tenth India National Philatelic Exhibition, INPEX 2008. This will be held at Chennai - Rani Meyyammai and Rajah Muthiah Halls, from 2nd to 6th January 2008 on a grand scale.

This exhibition seeks to demonstrate to general public, youth in particular, the cultural and educational values of philately and its attractiveness as a hobby. It also aims at bringing the postal department and philatelists together.

INPEX 2008 will be the first of its kind in Tamilnadu.

The exhibition



collections. Rare stamps from the National Philatelic Museum, India Security Press, Army Postal Service and reputed educational institutions will also be on display at the exhibition.

A colourful souvenir is to be released. Special postal covers on various themes will also be released on each day of the

from All Over!

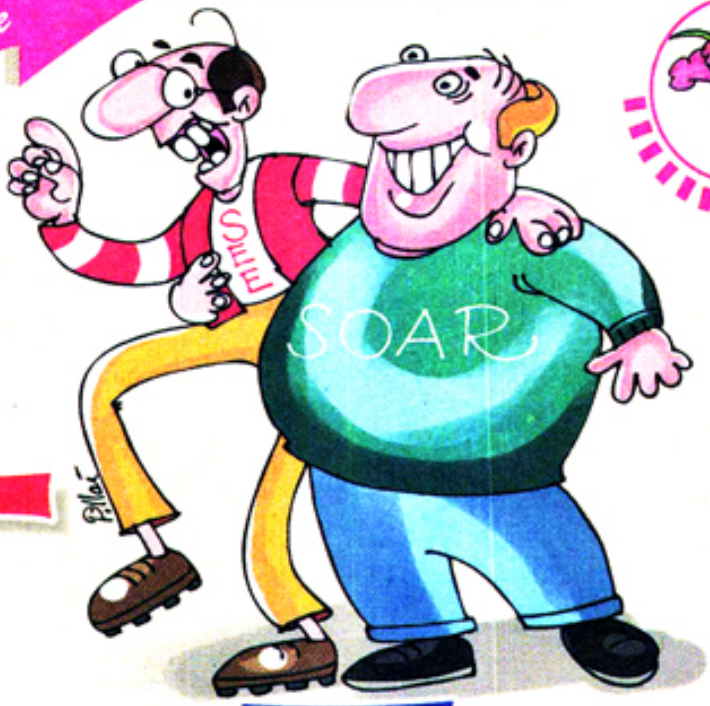
will display around thousand frames and will provide an opportunity to the philatelists of India to display their outstanding exhibition. There will be cultural activities too!

Chennaites and visitors to Chennai remember the dates - January 2nd to 6th!

CITY EXPRESS - CHENNAI

Chennai is the base for the large Tamil movie industry, dubbed Kollywood after Kodambakkam, home to most of the movie studios!

- An important cultural centre for Bharatanatyam is Kalakshetra, on the beach in the south of the city.



Tongue-Twisters!

Try out these twisty tongue twisters

"Mr.See and Mr.Soar were old friends. See owned a saw and Soar owned a seesaw. Now See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See, which made Soar sore. Had Soar seen See's saw before See saw Soar's seesaw, then See's saw would not have sawed Soar's seesaw. But See saw Soar's seesaw before Soar saw See's saw, so See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw. It was a shame to let See see Soar so sore because See's saw sawed Soar's seesaw."

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"Bill had a bill-board.
Bill also had a board-bill
The board-bill bored Bill
So Bill sold his bill-board
And paid his board-bill.

Then the board-bill, no longer bored Bill.

But, though he had no board-bill, neither did he have his bill-board!"

(Source: Internet)

- J.Vishnu, Std.IX,
Shiksha Kendra MHSS,
Pallikonda,
Vellore

Facts

The Sun

Since ancient times, man has regarded the Sun as a God and the source of life and energy on Earth. Today, we know that without the Sun, we wouldn't be here, for it is the light and heat from the sun that sustains all life and is the main source of all energy.

Lying at an average distance of 150,000,000 km, the sun is 270,000 times closer to us than the second nearest star, proxima centauri. The sun is the most prominent feature in our solar system and contains about 98% of the total mass of the solar system.

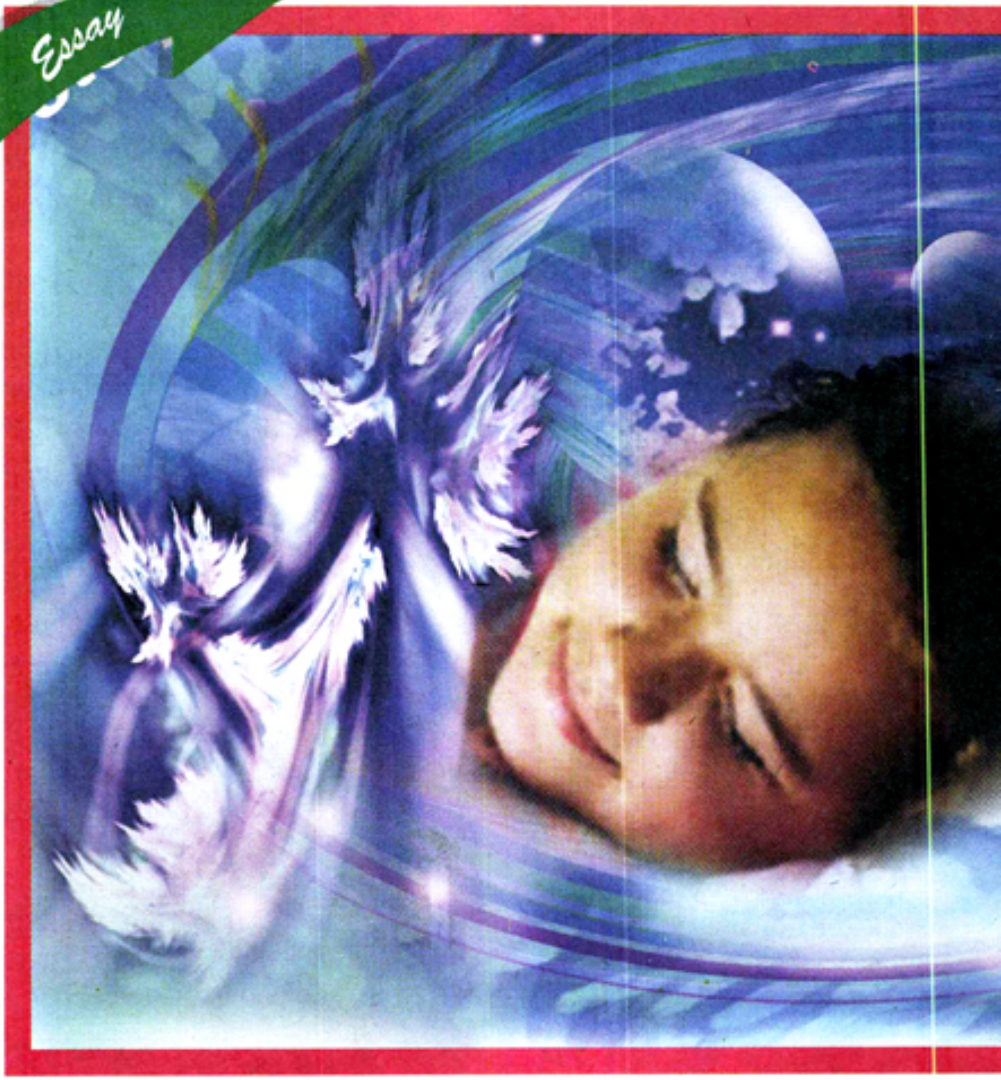
The sun's period of rotation at the surface varies from approximately 27 days at the equator to 32 days at the poles. It is a second generation star, that is, made up of materials thrown out by other stars after their fiery death.

Sun spots are zones of extremely strong magnetic fields in the sun. They are about 5,000 times stronger than the Earth's magnetic field. When the sun is most active, with the largest number of sunspots, its brightness increases by 0.1%

The sun's activity influences the Earth's climate. For 70 years, from 1645 to 1715, when the sun was fairly quiet and few sunspots were seen, Earth's climate was unusually cold. This is sometimes known as the Little Ice Age, in Europe.

In January, Sankaranthi is celebrated all over India as a harvest festival and in many states the sun is worshipped and propitiated during this festival.

- R.Madhu, Std.VIII,
P.S.B.B.S.S.School,
Chennai



"You boy! Are you sleeping?"

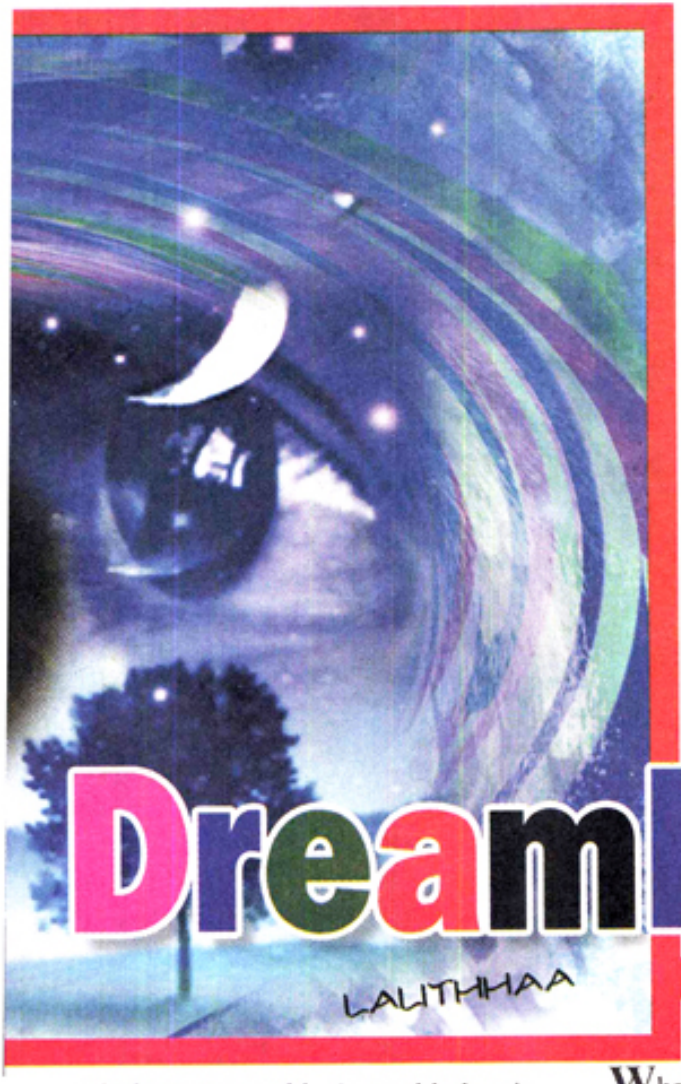
The boy woke up with a jerk. "No ma'am! I was just....."

"You were just 'resting your eyes'?" The teacher considered the flushing boy for a moment before saying "Go and wash away your sleep in the washroom this very minute. I want you back here in two seconds' time."

The boy scurried out of the classroom followed by giggles from his peers.

This would be a typical classroom scenario. Well, we can't blame the boy, can we? When you have a 'no-nonsense', extremely boring teacher droning on and on about something, it is human tendency to fall into a deep slumber.

Falling asleep is like entering a



Dreamland

LALITHHAA

you're thinking! What about nightmares? They aren't always nice, are they? Well, if there wasn't a little spark, any kind of la-la land would be boring, right? Dreamland is a place where all we wish for comes true. It is where the ending of a story is always happy and peaceful.

whole new world. A world that is devoid of all the hustle-bustle of our actual lives. What can be more refreshing than just sinking into bed after a really tiring day at school or at work? You can't resist the warm and comfortable fluffy bed and the bouncy pillow. Falling asleep is entering dreamland. In dreamland, nothing can possibly go wrong. It's all the way you want it. I know what

What are dreams? They are not just random pictures that swish in and out of our vision. However absurd a dream may seem, they all reflect a bit of us. Dreams mirror our inner longings or emotions. Sometimes, even the minutest detail about our personality would pop into dreams on a few occasions. At times, dreams could be weird or they could be thrilling, sometimes they might

Kausalya Narendran

Star of the Year Gone by!

"Gokulam boosted my confidence!" says Kausalya Narendran who won the prize for bagging the maximum number of participation certificates (July 2006 to June 2007).

Endowed with a flair for writing, Kausalya began to contribute to Gokulam six years ago.

She is grateful to Gokulam for helping build her vocabulary and language skills.

Now well known in her school (Vasant Vihar High School, Thane) as a writer, Kausalya Narendran has recently started writing for Thane Plus, a local newspaper, as well.

Now in the ninth standard, she is serious about a career in journalism and would eventually like to make it as an anchor in CNN-IBN!

All the Best Kausalya!

seem funny, almost silly once we wake up. But if these dreams didn't exist, sleep would be blank and our lives would be a tad bit plain. We have no control over our dreams; they just come and go the way they want. I remember some of those funny times when I would be dreaming and how when it turned scary; I would remind myself in my sleep "It's just a dream....." "It's just a dream....." And when I woke up the next morning, I'd remember the dream I had the previous night and then laugh at myself for feeling so scared. Dreams are a part of our lives..... a prominent part, I can say. A scientist called Freud has explained that free associations cause dreams. Well, it's all about psychology. That's the scientific part.

The other face of dreams shows us the road to life. Each person sets up dreams for himself. Be it big or small, he intends to fulfil them someday. Dreams vary from one individual to the other. Having a definite dream in your life and then attempting to live it can be the most exciting yet challenging expedition one could ever undertake. The road that will take us to our dream is not an easy one. It is a winding, twisting lane and one who would never give up in his effort, can reach his destination.

Dreams should be respected and looked upto. But you would come across people who say, "My greatest wish is to see him/her suffer and when that happens, my dream would come true." All I can say is that such longings are just mad urges to see someone's life being sabotaged.

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Even a little kid can have a dream; he just needs a little bit of help from his associates and a lot of effort on his part to realize them.

In fact anybody can have a dream and can realise it. So if you have a dream, don't just sit there doing nothing! Get up and go for it! Don't give up; no matter how hard it may seem and don't ever rest until you've reached it. Just don't forget to have lots and lots of fun along the way. Yawn! I'm worn out! Better get back to dreamland!

- Anju V. Nambiar,
Std.X, Ladyhill Victoria Girls High School, Mangalore

CITY EXPRESS - CHENNAI

The famous Snake park, Deer park, Kishkinda water park are located here.

- The Parthasarathy temple was built around the 8th century by the kings of the Pallava dynasty. Tourist attractions of the city include Kapaleeshwar Temple, National Art Gallery, Theosophical Society and Kalakshetra.
- The famous Velankanni Church is in Chennai. Many thousands of people visit this church every year.

Grandmaworm

I Think Boys are Silly; Mom says 'No'!

I think boys are silly, But my mom says that such an attitude is not correct. What should I do?

- Shiji Babu, New Delhi

Dear Shiji,

If you think boys are silly, think a little more. Is it not possible that boys think the same about girls? The truth is that we are all human beings. God differentiated between boys and girls to make us happy; not to speak ill of each other. Ofcourse there may be a few boys and girls who act silly, but let us not generalize. The correct attitude for you to take is to respect boys and conduct yourself in such a way that the respect is reciprocated. Read this out to your Mom and get her advice too.

I get angry very soon and in a fit of rage I spit out terrible words that hurt people. Later on I repent for what I've done. How am I to control myself?

- S.Varsha, Mumbai

Dear Varsha,

The very fact that you repent for what you've done, proves that there is hope for you to improve your behaviour. Why do we get angry? Because something is not to our liking. This points to our selfishness. If we have a generous heart, we will be able to see the other person's view point also. Life is never a bed of roses. We can only try our best to make it perfect for us and others. This is achieved more easily by give and take rather than trying to dominate. So control yourself to avoid frustration. Prayer and meditation will help you to see the truth of what I've said above.

I'm not in a good mood since I didn't perform well in the quarterly examination. I'm afraid I'll fail. Please help me to gain self confidence.

- M.Swathi, Chennai

Dear Swathi,

You will have to ask yourself why you did not do well in the quarterly exams and avoid those pit falls in the future. I hope you did better in the December exams. However, the annual exam is still far away and if you really make up your mind, you can do wonders in the three months ahead of you. Forget T.V., computer games etc. Concentrate on your studies and work hard. Don't hesitate to ask for help from persons who know the subject well. After every hour of study do some isometric exercise combined with deep breathing for five minutes. I'm sure you'll face the finals with lots of confidence. Thumbs up! Remember the most important aspect is to plan your days properly to get the maximum benefit from the time available, for both your mind and body.

I would like to become a veterinarian. But on account of an eye allergy I am unable to be too near animals. Please suggest a way to contribute to the welfare of animals without being physically near them.

- Shradhar, Pondycherry

Dear Shradhar,

Your interest in the welfare of animals in spite of your eye allergy is remarkable. Even though you may not be able to become a veterinarian, you can still help animals by contributing to animal welfare organizations, like the SPCA; Blue Cross and WWF. Though you may not be able to give much now, you can do so when you are older and earning well. Right now you can persuade your well-to-do relatives and friends to send donations to such organizations.

Love,

Grandmaworm

Letter Box

ABSORBING,

✉ I am a great fan of Gokulam. It is an amazing and interesting magazine for both children and adults. I think you should publish Gokulam twice a month because this step will make most children happy.

- A.Vandana, Std.XI,
D.T.E.A.S.S.S, New Delhi

✉ Gokulam helps me to improve my english. Thank you so much.

- G.Siddarth, Std.IV,
CBSE, Shrishti School, Vellore

✉ I am an avid Gokulam fan. Gokulam is a really wonderful magazine. It is very absorbing and intriguing. Gullu's Crossword, Pottering Around and Viewpoint are my favourites. You could try introducing new monthly contests.

- Tanya, Std.X,
Nirmala M.Hr.Sec.School,
Chidambaram.

✉ Your magazine is a boon for children. All the topics in it are very useful - especially 'Hello Doctor', 'Grandmaworm' and 'Computer Saga'. I have been a reader of Gokulam since 2002. I request you to publish more contests for children, especially quiz contests.

-S.Sandhyaa, Std.IX,
The Hindu S.S.School,
Chennai

✉ I like Gokulam very much and I read it every month without fail. I like Grandmaworm, Penpals, Hello Doctor, Puzzles very much.

- R.Nandhini, Std.VIII,
R.S.K.H.S.S, Trichy

✉ I have been an ardent reader of Gokulam for

INTRIGUING!

the past few years. I've been preserving each issue. My mom used to read it to me when I was young. It is a wonderful treasury of knowledge. Last month, I was immensely pleased to see the 'B'day wishes' for my brother published in 'Birthday Bash'. Thanks a lot Gokulam!

- G.Swetha, Std.XI,
Mahatma M.M.H.S.S,
Madurai

✉ I have been reading Gokulam for the past one year. I wish it were a daily issue! I like to solve Gullu's crossword. I like to read city express, grandmaworm, jokes, puzzles, computer saga, billu. Gokulam is by children, to children, for children!

- R.Niranjankumar, Std.VIII,
Bhaktavatsalam
Vidhyashram,
Chennai

✉ Gokulam is a fantastic magazine. I have been reading it since 2004. Our school library has a lot of Gokulam issues and I now subscribe to Gokulam. I read every page... And as a conclusion I would like to tell you that I loved the Harry Potter poster in the November 2007 issue.

- Swathi, Std.VII,
Padma Seshadri Bala
Bhavan Senior Secondary School,
Chennai

✉ I want to bring to your attention that the poem 'Be the Best' is actually written by a poet Douglas Malloch. It's disgusting to read it as S.Harish's poem, (November 2007) - issue. This poem is also in the syllabus of matriculation board for class XI.

- N.Sajida Sultana, Std.XII,
Adarsh Vidyalaya, Chennai

✉ I like Gokulam very much. East or west Gokulam is best!

- Pavani, Std.VII,
Bright Day School,
Baroda

✉ I have been reading Gokulam only for the past six months. I grab it and read it up fast and wait for the next copy very eagerly every month. Can I write stories and jokes for Gokulam. I am a bit scared to write.

- S.Anantha Lakshmi, Std.VII,
St.John's High School,
Bengalooru

(Of course, you may write Anantha Lakshmi. Interesting and well-written contributions will be selected for publication

- Editor)

Whatever may be the outcome of the assembly election held recently in Gujarat, it is certain that the mud-slinging indulged in by both the Congress and B.J.P is not good for society. Sonia Gandhi referred to the Modi government as "Merchants of Death" while Modi in turn tried to defend an encounter killing. Leaders are expected to lead the people in a positive manner and not cause dissension among them.

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Taslima Nasreen who had a 'fatwa' against her was sent to Jaipur from Calcutta and from there to Delhi. Taslima, a Bangladeshi writer, had earlier sought asylum in India, She finally declared that she would withdraw from her book, the controversial lines which went against Islamic religious sentiments.

The film 'Aja Nauchle' too was targeted since a couple of lines in a song were considered anti-dalit. The producer gave an assurance that the objectionable lines would be removed. The ban on the film in U.P and Haryana was than lifted.

Ofcourse, opinion is divided and many people feel that such intolerance is against the spirit of freedom of expression guaranteed by the constitution.

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Musharraf: The Law Making Machine!

★Law Machine!

★Tremendous victory

★Creating history

Musharraf has withdrawn the emergency he clamped on Pakistan, but not before making some changes in the Constitution to suit him. Earlier he had sacked Supreme Court judges and packed the exalted positions with judges of his choice. No wonder Musharraf is now referred to as the "Lawmaking machine"!

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"United Russia", the party backed by President Putin, secured a tremendous victory in the recent elections. The unprecedented success is attributed to Putin's enormous popularity.

• • •

Though the world has seen the last of Harry Potter series, the author J.K.Rowling manages to be in the news. A handwritten book of hers, titled 'Tales of Beedle the Bard' was auctioned by Sothebys. It was expected to fetch upto 50,000 pounds but was sold amid frantic bidding for a record 1.95 million pounds!

Computer Saga

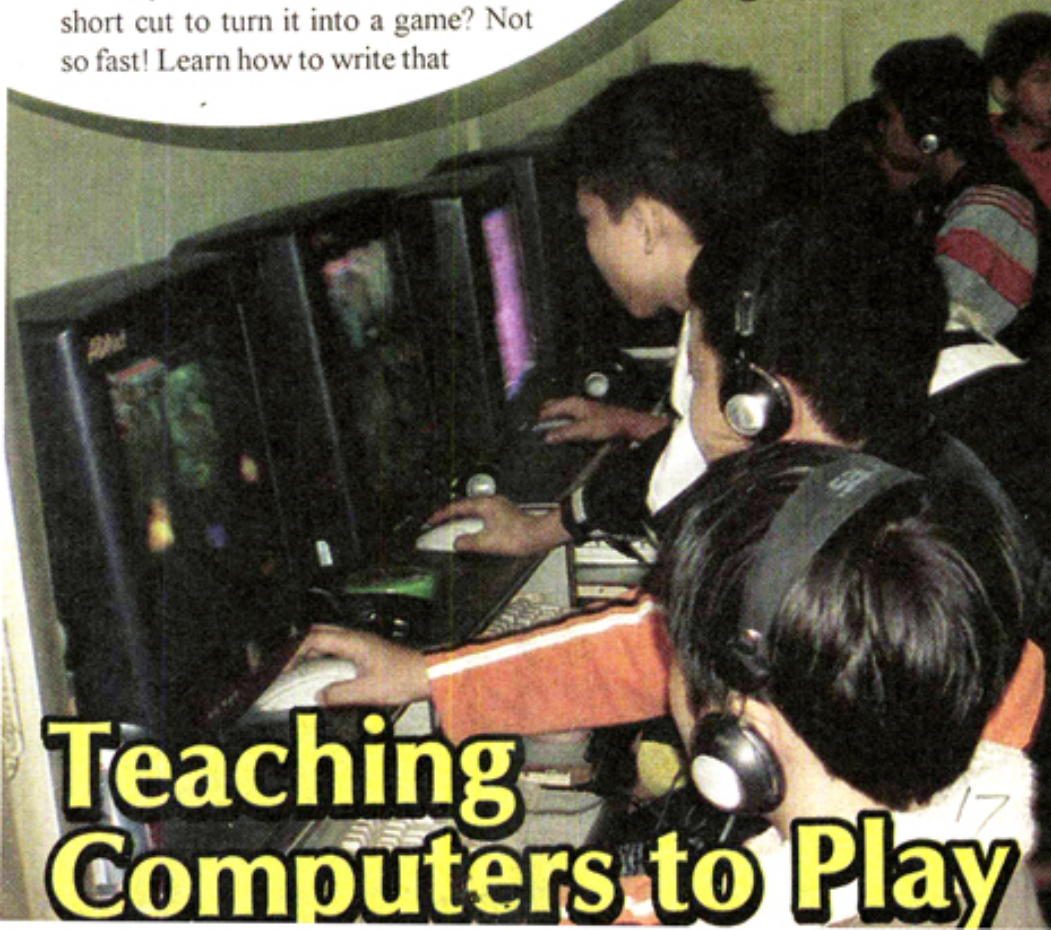
Teaching Computers to Play

• Rani Iyer

Every time you play on video games, do you think, 'How do they do that?' Or do you say, 'Can I do it?' Well, now may be, you can design one too. The ingredients of a video game are actually simple. You need to have a good story, know your math, learn coding, and most important - be prepared to work as a team.

Every video game begins with a good story. The story should be imaginative, suspenseful, have a villain, a hero or heroine who can beat the odds. As the skill of the player goes up, the intricate challenges the hero faces also go up. Where can you find such stories? Try folktales, mythology, or myths to find the stories which are both complicated and rich in visual details.

So, you have a story in mind. Is there a short cut to turn it into a game? Not so fast! Learn how to write that



Here are some programs that will help you build video games:

- Multimedia Fusion, for a free trial, go to: http://www.download.com/Multimedia-Fusion/3000-2383_4-8057759.html?tag=lst-0-2
- Gamemaker 7:www.yoyogames.com/gamemaker

Window-1

story. Start by writing a short story of your idea, then fill it with the details and watch the story grow. Once you are satisfied with the story, you can try to develop a free game (Window 1).

If you get serious about developing games, you can take on line classes in a wide range of courses (Window 2). Don't throw the math books away yet! You will still need to know your arithmetic, algebra, probablity and statistics, and basic economics.

Modern computer games are reaching out to schools and colleges with educational materials. That means, even if you don't have an imaginative story, but are interested in science, history, maths, music, games or literature, you can design an educational video game. All video games require focus, critical thinking, multitasking, and problem solving to succeed. Players manage characters by assigning appropriate tasks and guiding characters to work together smoothly. Like a good teacher, a well designed video game can immerse, engage, and provide feedback to the learners.

So, where is your story taking us today?

Window-2

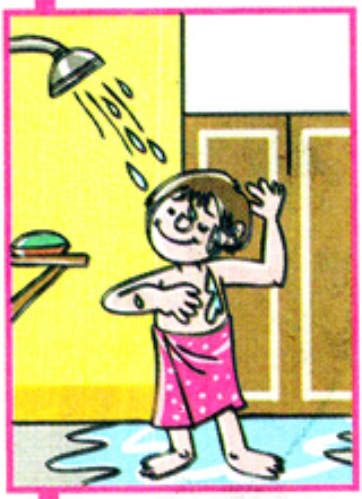
Some courses for Computer Game Developers:

Artificial Intelligence for Game Developers; C++ Programming for Game Developers; Computer Animation; Creative Writing and Storyboarding for Games; Digital Entertainment and Game Design; Game Design; Game Mathematics; Game and Simulation Programming; Game Art & Design; Game Software Development; Programming & Game Development; Physics for Game Developers; Robotics; Special Effects Programming; Special Effects Animation; Video Game Console Design.

Language Laughs!

Spoonerism

British Educator, Rev-William Aachibald Spooner, had a tendency to accidently transposition the initial consonant sounds of two words in a phrase or a sentence. This would of course, create a comedy of verbal errors!



Originating from his name, "spoonerism" is the unintentional mix up of sounds.

Look at how ordinary sentences turn out -

1) Your mad banners - (bad manners)

2) You have tasted two worms - (wasted two terms)

3) Go and shake a tower - (take a shower)

4) A blushing crow knocked me out - (crushing blow)

5) Animal lovers wanted to wave the sails - (save the whales)

Palindrome

A Palindrome is a word, phrase, sentence or number which reads the same, both ways.

Some palindromes to amuse you are -

1) Step on no pets!

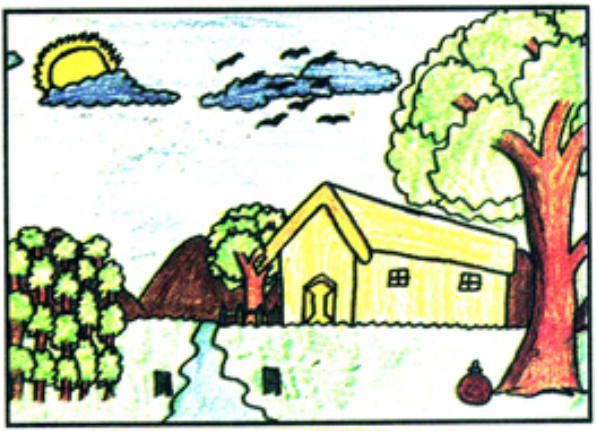
2) A santa at nasa!

3) Was it a bat I saw!

4) Zeus sees suez!

(Source: Brilliant's All - Book of Grammar)

- S.Hrishikesh, Std. VI, Kendriya Vidhyalaya, Ambala



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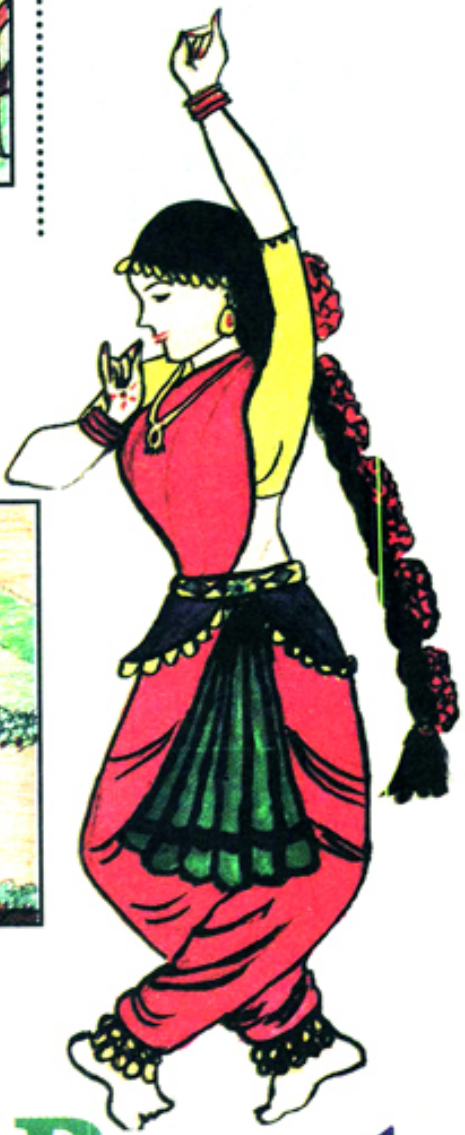

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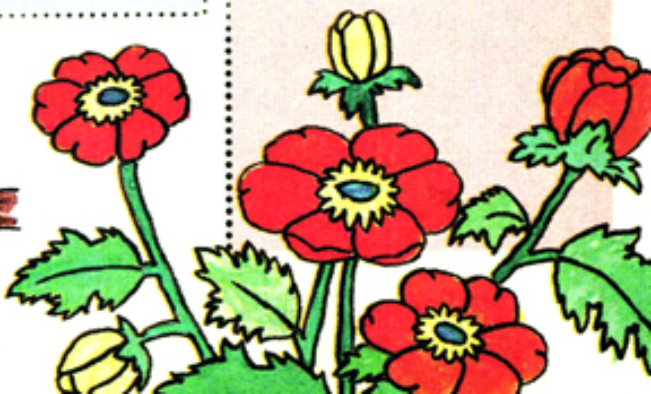

Experience

Midnight Fire

This incident occured on October 5, wee hour 1'o clock. I was sleeping in an airconditioned room. Due to a short circuit, the A.C. caught fire. My father woke my mother up and called up the neighbours. My father switched off the mains. He then pulled out the A.C.cover and tried to extinguish the fire. Meanwhile my mother fetched some water and poured it on the A.C. By God's grace I had a miraculous escape. We must not play with fire, matches and electrical objects. Beware of fire and electrical gadgets.

- S.Yuvan, Std.V, Child Jesus Nursery and Primary School, Pudukkottai

Chased by a Swan!

This incident took place when I was in Class III. During the summer holidays we had planned to go to a small island called Nayachar. On the second day of our trip. We asked the guide to show us the tourist spots on the island. The guide took us to a small lake and told us that it was famous for its beautiful swans. And sure enough, we saw about a dozen swans - some swimming and some walking. Out of curiosity, I went close to a swan, sitting with her two babes. At once Mother Swan, in order to protect her children, started chasing me. She was flapping her huge wings which were strong enough to break the bones of a small child like me. The guide had already warned us about this. I started running like mad. My mother was surprised to see

When I was in class 5, I used to watch the program 'Legends of the Hidden Temple'. In this show, two contestants have to cross many obstacles and chambers to find a hidden treasure. I imitated this act with my cousins. My task was to find out the treasure. As I ran from room to room, I slipped and fell down only to get up with a broken tooth. I was rushed to the dentist's and now, I'm wearing a crown cap (false tooth). So please do not imitate what is shown on television.

- R.Jason Kirubakaran, Std.IX, Vikaasa School, Madurai

It was a great surprise for me when my Head mistress called out my name in the School Assembly. She had a copy of 'Gokulam' in her hand. My article had been published in that issue. She told the students about it and advised all of them to develop an interest not only in reading

but also for writing (like me). I felt very proud. Many of my friends asked me how they could write articles. I told them happily about 'Gokulam'! It was a great day for me.

- G.Siddarth, Std. IV, Shrishti Vidhyashram, Vellore

me run so fast. (She started calling me P.T.Usha!) After some time Mother Swan stopped chasing me. I was saved. After this scary incident, I will never go near any swan again! I am teased about this incident sometimes by my family members.

- Yajnaseni Guha, Std.VII, The Future Foundation School, Kolkata

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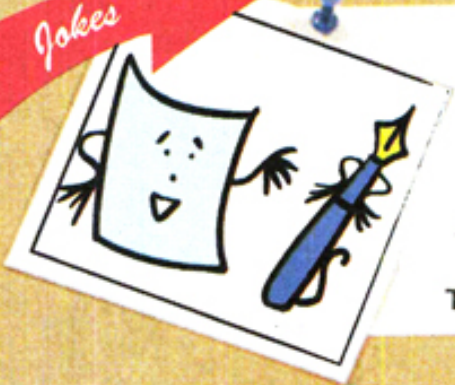

What did the paper say to the pen?

"You are very sharp!"

- N.Swetha Priya, Std.VI,
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"What do lazy dogs do for fun?"

"Chase parked cars!"

- Rupai, Std.VIII, G.G.S.S,
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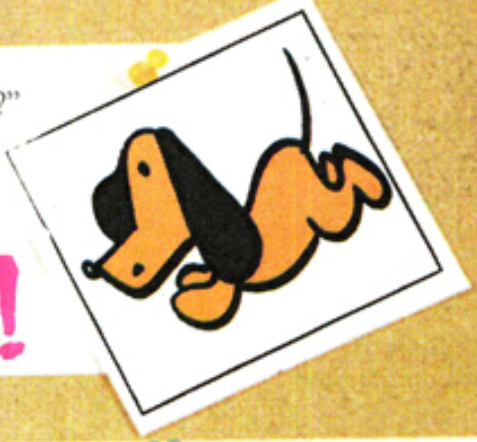

Giggles!

Ramesh: Sir, would you punish me for something I didn't do?

Teacher: Oh! certainly not. Why?

Ramesh: I didn't do my homework.

"What would happen if a third world war were to occur?"

"There would be one more chapter to study in History."

- R. Sai Prasanth, Std.IX,
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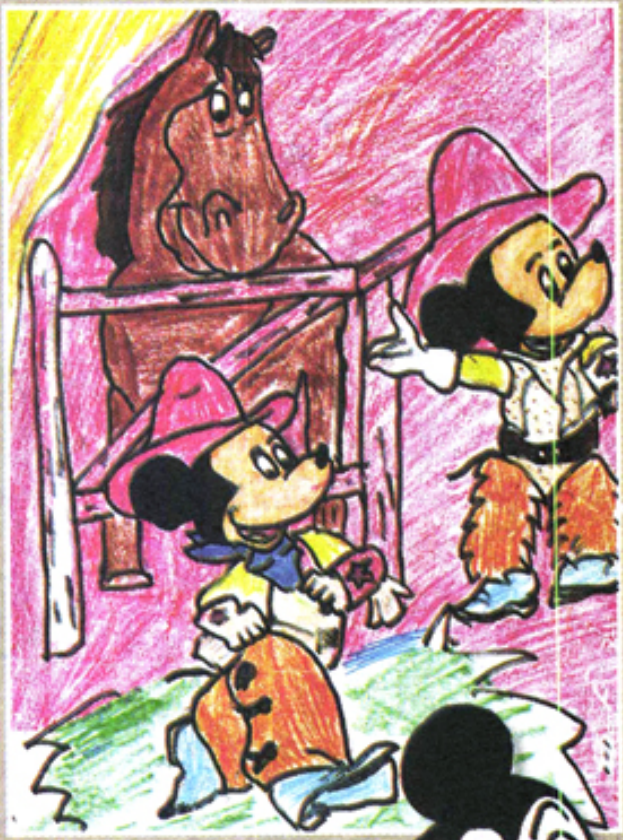
Favourite

Do you know when Mickey Mouse was born...? The Walt Disney Company celebrates his birthday on November 18! Mickey was created by Walt Disney in the year 1928.

Mickey Mouse is an Academy Award-winning comic animal cartoon character who has become an icon for The Walt Disney Company.

He has evolved from a simple animated cartoon and comic strip character into one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.



Mickey was created as a replacement for Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, an earlier cartoon character created by the Disney Studio.

For many decades, Mickey Mouse competed with Warner Bros.' Bugs Bunny. In 1988, the two 'rivals' finally shared screen time in a film titled

'Who Framed Roger Rabbit?'. Warner and Disney signed an agreement stating that each character would have exactly the same amount of screen time - right down to the microsecond!

In 1935, Romanian authorities banned Mickey Mouse films from cinemas after they feared that children would be scared to see a ten-foot mouse in the movie theatre! Time proved how wrong they were. Scared? On the contrary children enjoyed and continue to enjoy Mickey Mouse. Perhaps his only rival in the popularity charts, is Jerry (of Tom and Jerry fame), another equally lovable and laughable rodent.

Laughable, Lovable!

G.S.Subramanian

Diligent Jambu; Envious Dondu!

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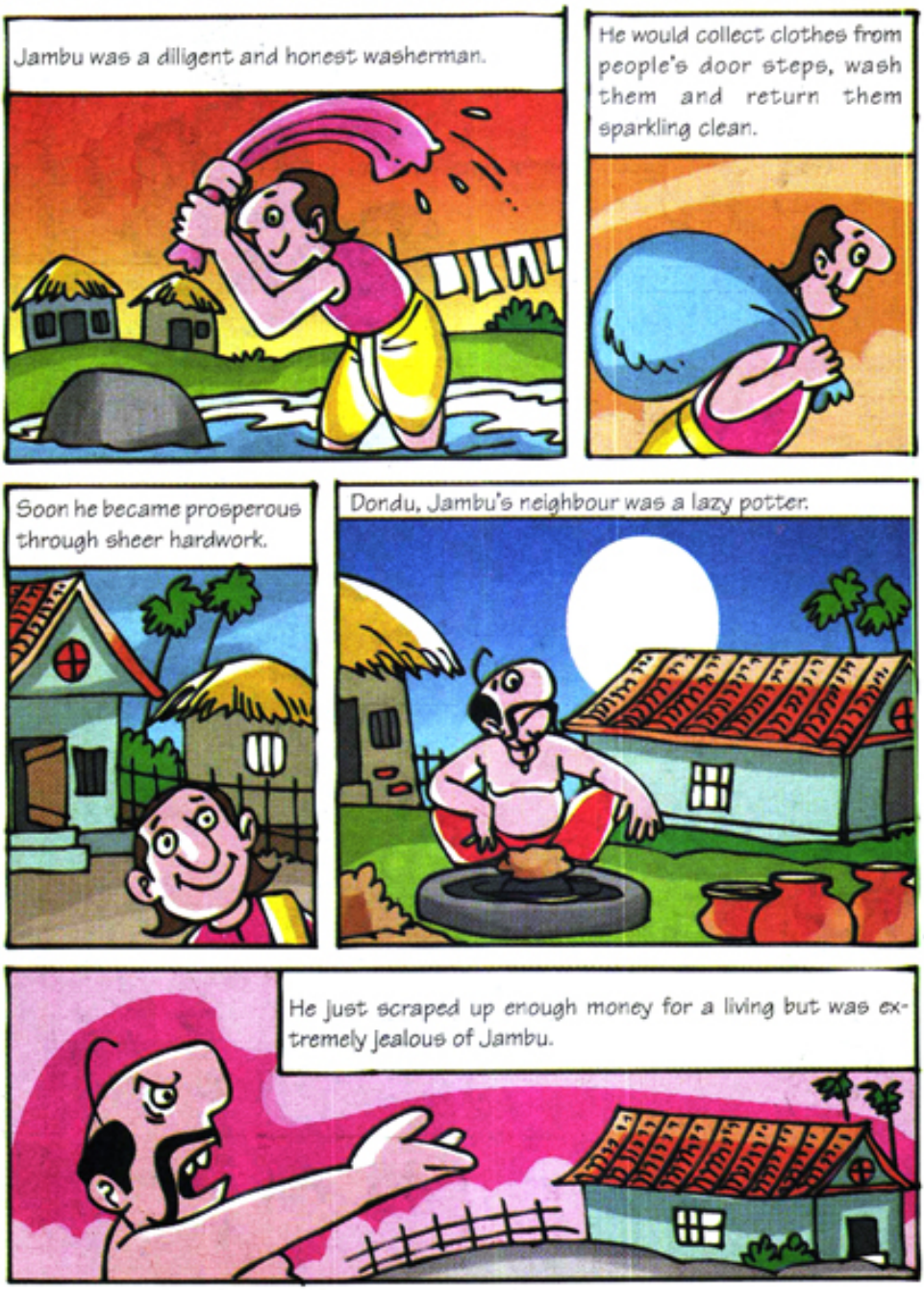
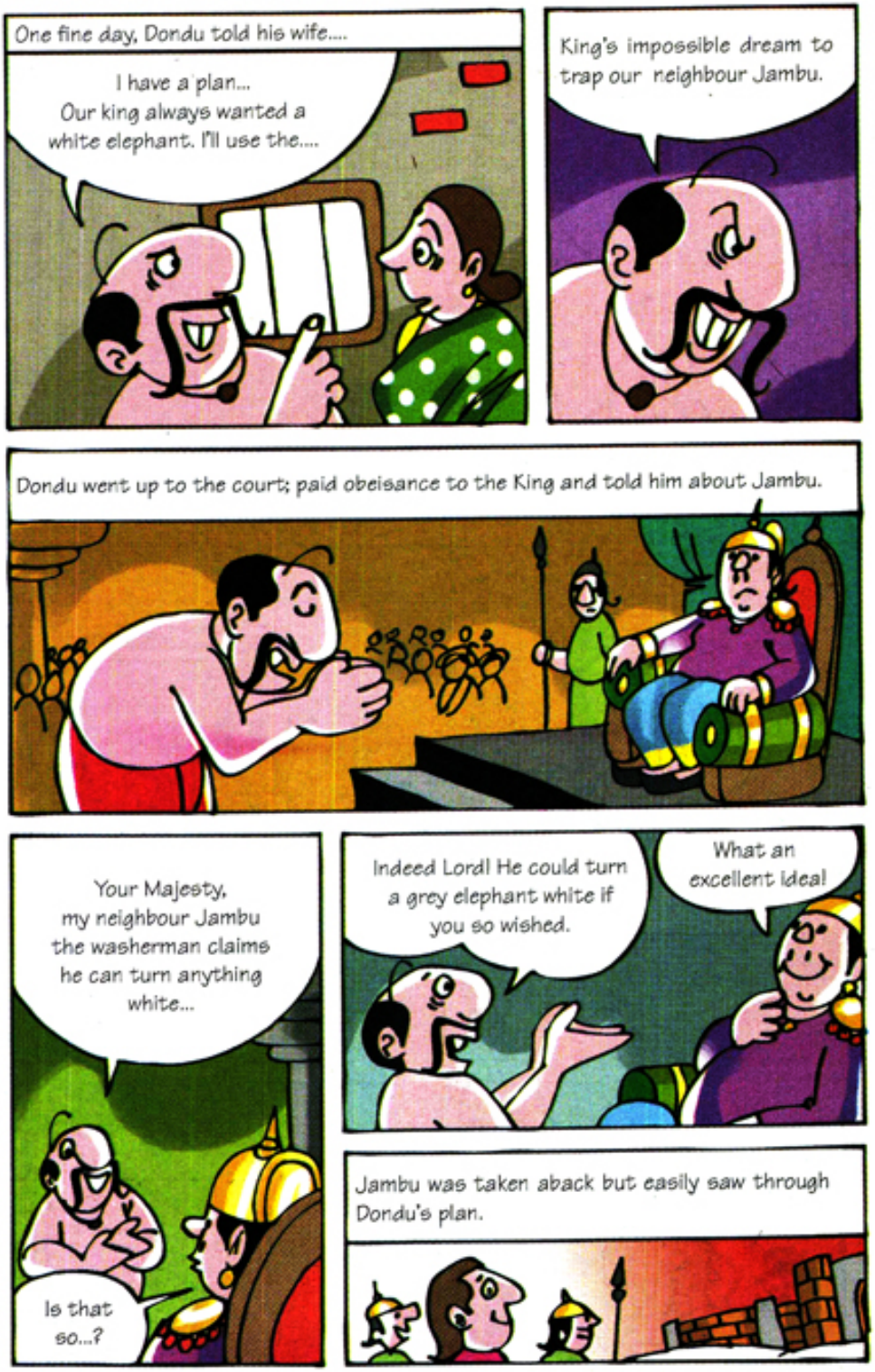
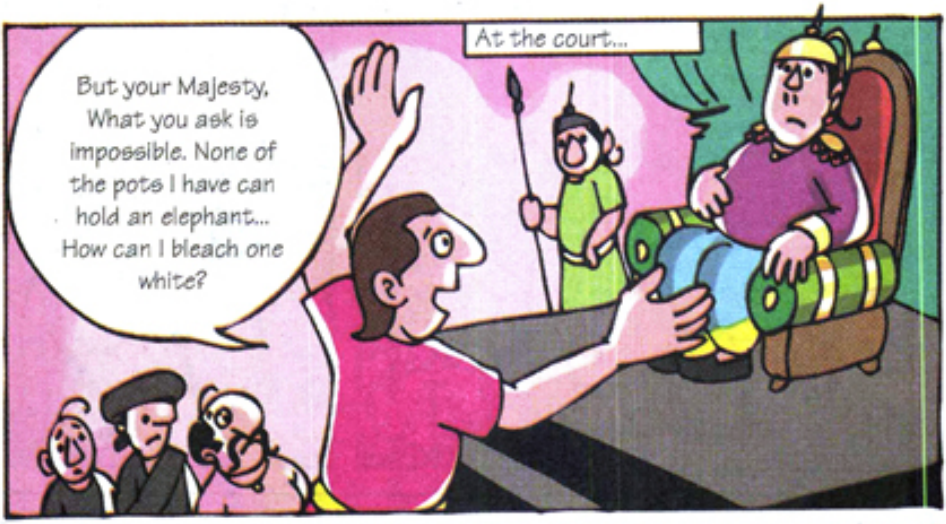
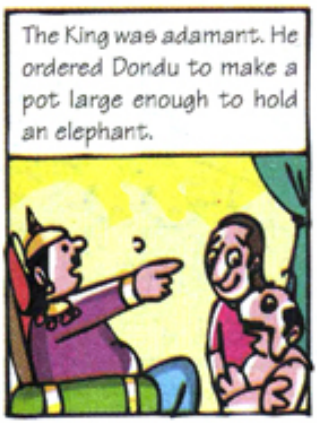
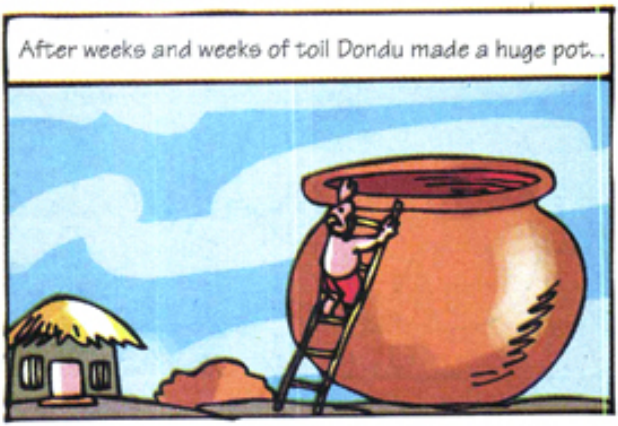
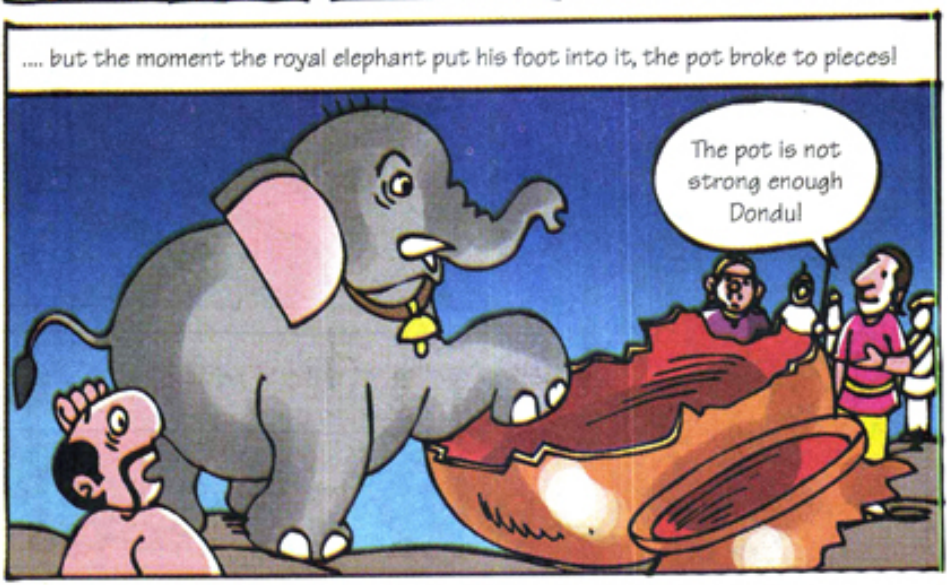


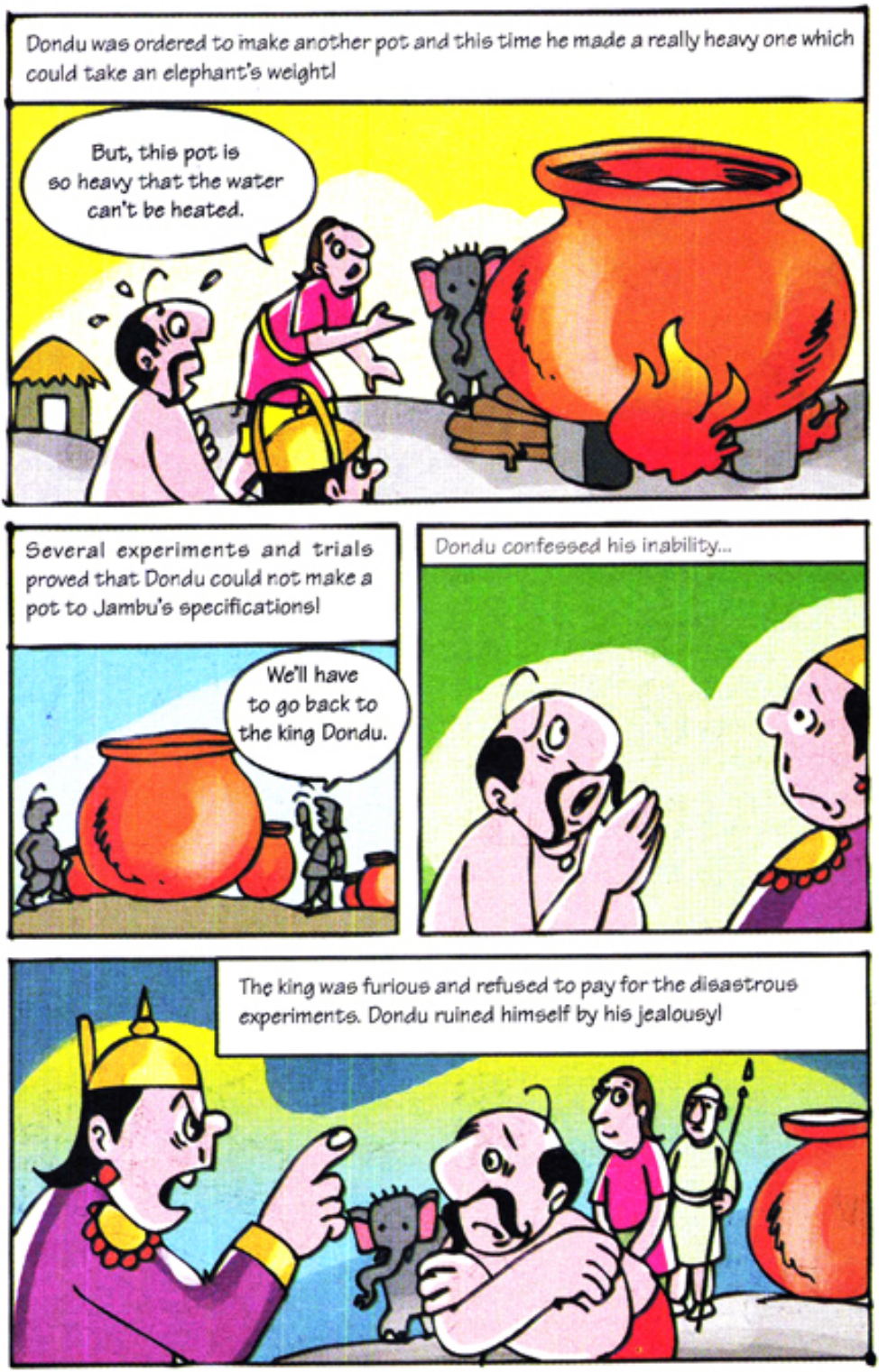

One fine day, Dondu told his wife....
I have a plan... Our king always wanted a white elephant. I'll use the....
King's impossible dream to trap our neighbour Jambu.
Dondu went up to the court; paid obeisance to the King and told him about Jambu.
Your Majesty, my neighbour Jambu the washerman claims he can turn anything white...
Is that so...?
Indeed Lord! He could turn a grey elephant white if you so wished.
What an excellent idea!
Jambu was taken aback but easily saw through Dondu's plan.


At the court...
But your Majesty, What you ask is impossible. None of the pots I have can hold an elephant... How can I bleach one white?


The King was adamant. He ordered Dondu to make a pot large enough to hold an elephant.


After weeks and weeks of toil Dondu made a huge pot...


.... but the moment the royal elephant put his foot into it, the pot broke to pieces!
The pot is not strong enough Dondu!


Dondu was ordered to make another pot and this time he made a really heavy one which could take an elephant's weight!
But, this pot is so heavy that the water can't be heated.
Several experiments and trials proved that Dondu could not make a pot to Jambu's specifications!
We'll have to go back to the king Dondu.
Dondu confessed his inability...
The king was furious and refused to pay for the disastrous experiments. Dondu ruined himself by his jealousy!

Deathly Hallows Competition

A Blend of All Emotions

I regard the chapter 35 of the book 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows'(King's Cross), as the best chapter. Harry demonstrates the essence of the novel - Love - for he stands undefended and dies in the hands of Lord Voldemort, to prevent others from dying. This is the chapter in which he meets the man whose company and guidance he missed most, Albus Dumbledore. Through him, he learns that by exposing himself to Voldemort, he has let the Dark Lord kill his soul residing in Harry. Further, much to his and our happiness, he realises that he is n't dead. I select this chapter also because of the facts and secrets that Dumbledore confides to Harry after commending his bravery and selflessness. Dumbledore's disturbed past and glorified life are confirmed to readers. We get to know from Dumbledore's disclosure to Harry, that the Deathly Hallows are real and Harry himself had inherited one from Ignotus Peverell. Harry is portrayed as a kind-hearted person who cannot bear to see anyone in trouble, when he sympathizes with the whimpering child. The apologies conveyed by the Headmaster to student and the defence offered by student to the man he trusted most, bring tears to our eyes. The doubts that Harry and I had are clarified by Dumbledore in this chapter. On the whole, this chapter is important and the finest as it gives him confidence to get back and win. This chapter is a perfect blend of all emotions and this makes it remarkable.

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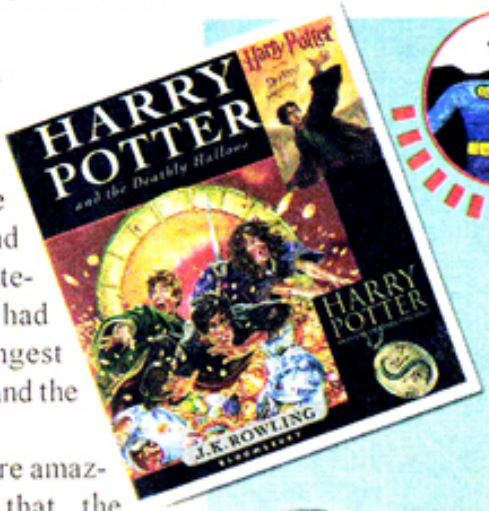
The Scar did not Hurt!



I think the last chapter '19 Years Later' is the best one. It starts with the onset of autumn and the couple - Harry Potter and Ginny. I felt giddy with excitement to read that Harry had married Ginny, the youngest daughter of the Weasley's and the dear sister of Ron.

And what was even more amazing was to read the fact that the bickering, pair of Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger had got married and had two children! Rose and Hugo. It is so charming to see Harry, an orphan, craving for parental love, fathering three children, James, Albus and little Lily. It's also nice to note that Harry has named his daughter after his mother, Lily. I loved J.K.Rowling's description of 'Little Lily's eyes (so blue) seemingly inherited from her grandmother.

I also liked the way Harry spotted Draco Malfoy, standing with his wife and son and the way his son resembled him like Albus resembled Harry. The name (Scorpious) J.K.Rowling had given to Draco Malfoy's son was marvellous.

Finally, what was most amazing was that Neville Longbottom who was the dunce of the class, had become a professor and it was nice to know that Hagrid and Peeves still existed. The scar did not hurt Harry. Great ending!

- Ajay Ashok, Std IX,
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Poet's Corner

TEACHERS!

Teachers, teachers, teachers!
They are the people who teach us!
They teach English and Tamil,
And about deserts and camels!
They teach us something called French,
They also teach us to eat up our lunch!
They teach us Math too,
And how to tie up our shoe!
They teach us a subject called History,
They teach us numbers one, two, three!
They teach us lovely fine-art,
They also teach us about our heart!
They teach us a language called Hindi,
And they are very very friendly!
They teach us to be healthy,
And never to be filthy!
We must learn to respect them,
That's why I made up this poem!

- Shradhaa, Std.V,
Primrose School, Pondicherry

War is Wasteful!

India and Pak fought,
And precious little we got.
Tell me, why do we wage wars,
And waste our precious hours?

War is destructive,
While peace is creative.
Don't use weapons,
That destroy nations.

War develops enemity,
Even if it ends with a treaty.
During a war lives are lost,
It also involves high cost.

While war is a man-eater
Peace is always better
So, don't act in haste
Remember - War is a waste!

- R.Krishna Kumar, Std. VIII,
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The Mango Seed

I am the mango seed,
Inside the mango I lie sealed.
I occupy almost half the fruit,
And I don't look so cute.

I'm discarded upon eating the fruit,
And in the soil I grow root.

And then emerge from the ground,
With the leaves in cotyledons bound.

Up, up I start to grow,
While my roots go deep below,
Hard trunks and branches I get,
The leaves aren't so large, I bet.

Flowers then spring up on my boughs
Into heavy fruit they grow
Within the fruit lies my seedling,
Ready to grow again, into sapling!

- G.Bhargavi, Std.XI,
Holy Angels A.I.H.S.S, Chennai

Lazy People!

"Aren't you sailing today?"
- a tailor asked a sailor.
"Will you stitch this frock today?"
- the sailor asked the tailor.
"My needle is broken. I've used all my thread."
- mumbled the tailor munching some bread.

"No sailing. The tide is terribly high!"
- yawned the sailor with a big sigh.

- Anwesha Goswami, Age 11,
Atomic Energy Central School,
Mumbai

There's a special treat for you in Gokulam this month. Follow these instructions carefully:

Step 1: With the help of an adult, bend back the stapler pins on pages 40-41. Carefully remove pages 37 to 44. Now, push the stapler pins back carefully to place without hurting yourself.

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Step 3: Now, check to see if the sequence of pages is in order and then staple them together.

Your Mini Gokulam is ready!

Use this little New-Year gift to keep your birthday reminders, favourite autographs, school time - table etc.

Write to us if you like this idea and tell us what else we can put into the forthcoming issues of Mini-Gokulam.

Wish you a Great New Year!

With love,
Editor

Hello Children

Fold and cut here

Pin here

Mini GOKULAM

Super Diary 2008

My Name : .....

Date of birth : .....

School : .....

.....

✶ Health is Wealth.

Birthdays to Remember

	Name	Date
Grandpa :	.....	.....
Grandma :	.....	.....
Dad :	.....	.....
Mum :	.....	.....
Brother :	.....	.....
Sister :	.....	.....

✶ Child is the father of Man!

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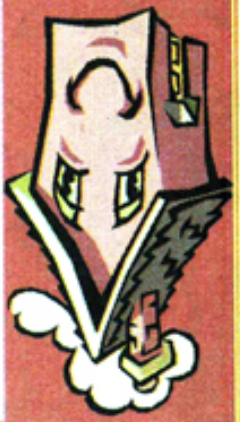

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Others in the Family

Name	Date of Birth
1)	.....
2)	.....
3)	.....
4)	.....
5)	.....
6)	.....

✶ *Cleanliness in Godliness.*

✶ Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached.

November

Sun	30	2	9	16	23
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thu		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29

December

Sun		7	14	21	28
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
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School

✶ An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

	1	2	3	4
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				

Lunch Interval

✶ Be kind in thought, word and deed.

September

Sun		7	14	21	28
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	

October

Sun		5	12	19	26
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Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	

Time - Table

5	6	7	8

* One swallow does not make a summer.

* A penny saved is a penny earned.

July

Sun		6	13	20	27
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
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August

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Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30

* Once bitten, twice shy!

Friends' Birthdays

Name	Date of Birth
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	

* Don't count your chickens before they hatch.

May

Sun		4	11	18	25
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31

June

Sun	1	8	15	22	29
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Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	7	14	21	28	

Autographs

Signatures of my favourites

✶ Look before you leap!

✶ A bird in hand is better than two in the bush.

March

Sun	30	2	9	16	23
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Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
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April

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Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
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✶ Truth is Beauty; Beauty Truth...

Telephone Numbers

Name	Number
1)	.....
2)	.....
3)	.....
4)	.....
5)	.....
6)	.....

✶ If winter comes, can spring be far behind?

January

Sun		6	13	20	27
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
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Laugh-Aloud Story

"Rajiv?! Did you say? Oh! God; He was the bravest man in our village."

What would mothers do when children threw tantrums? Simple, they would threaten to call Rajiv!

Children would immediately listen to their mothers. But was Rajiv really brave? No, he even feared rats. Shh... that's a secret. The reason why he was considered brave was, because by chance once he had nabbed a gang of thieves! Well that's the story of "luck". Let's get back to the ghost story.

One day, Rajiv was repeating

The Ghost!

Do you know whether there is a ghost in the forest?

the same old story of his nabbing the thieves. Ram, who was terribly bored of it said, "Rajiv I heard that a gang of thieves lives in the forest. No one is able to catch them. They say a ghost in the forest is helping them. Why don't you try your luck?"

People who succeed by falsehood always defend their pride. So Rajiv decided to go to the forest. He thought he would stay there and come back with cooked-up stories.

On a full moon day he set out on his journey, after reciting Hanuman Chalisa several times!

After travelling for a long time, he decided to rest. There was a lake near-by, so it would be easy to cook breakfast in the morning. There he saw a man having his dinner. Rajiv approached him and asked, "Hello, can I sit with you for today?"

The man said, "Sure. What is your name? My name is Ravi."

Soon both of them were discussing about their purpose of travel, native village etc. Suddenly Rajiv asked Ravi, "Do you know whether there is a ghost in the forest?"

Ravi replied "Ah nothing! No ghost! But people say there is one with long hair here."

Next morning when Rajiv woke up he went to the lake. He saw something with long hair in the lake! And Ravi had also vanished into thin air! Suddenly Rajiv realised that Ravi was the ghost in the middle of lake. He took his belongings and fled to his village.

Ravi who had gone to drink water and bathe in the lake returned to find that there was no Rajiv. But far ahead he saw a figure with long hair running. He was petrified that it was a ghost! He fled from the forest!

Actually, each of them forgot that the other had long hair! Thus a ghost was born. But this time Rajiv did not boast because he could not even talk about the incident!

- Barathi.Krishnamurthy, Std.IX, P.V.G's Vidya Bhawan, Mumbai

Photo Laughs!

Fun With Pictures

For many children computers are only meant for games and internet access. But nowadays there are so many features and graphics software. By using them pictures can be edited. These graphic softwares are so simple and brilliant that anyone can work wonders using them. They consist of user-friendly tools enabling one to create frames, borders, cut pictures - almost anything and everything with different pictures. You can even make the impossible feats look real! You can even play Steve Irwin's role by cutting your swimming photo and pasting it next to a crocodile paddling in water! Imagine what fun it would be to open a picture of three people and convert them into triplets by using another tool. Also you can create a picture of yourself together with your great grandmother or any other relative who lived before you were born!

You may think all this is awesome. But, we must ensure that we do not misuse these tools. Nowadays a lot of people misuse them and probably that is why pictures are not considered as evidence in legal matters.

I hope more such softwares are made available soon. I use them for my school projects. I don't waste time on computer games anymore. Instead, I use the computer creatively and my time productively and enjoy myself too!

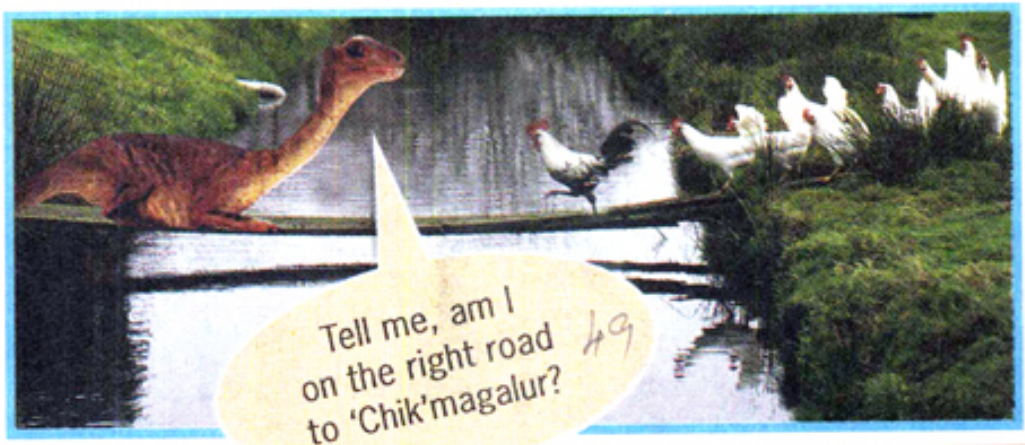
- V.R. Chittaranjan, Std.VI,
Oxford Senior Secondary School,
Bengalooru

Gokulam Creative Team surfed the net to put together some fun pictures for you. Turn over this page and enjoy the jokes.

Compiled by
Yuva and Gopal

This is what I would call a world famous cow!

Isn't it a bit too hot for a coat buddy?


Tell me, am I on the right road to 'Chik'magalur?

Serial Chapter - 2

As Jassy stood perplexed, she heard the sound of footsteps.

It was Varun.

"Hi! What's the matter with you?" he asked jumping across the massive threshold. "Seen a ghost or something eh!"and he chuckled.

Jassy stared at the jeering boy and wondered if it was his shadow that she had seen.

"Are you trying to play a joke on me, Varun?" she asked directly. "I thought I saw your shadow appear and disappear."

"Oh gosh! Did it?" the cheeky boy pretended to sound serious. "Just wait, let me ask my shadow and find out—

Shadow, Shadow on the wall,

Did you scare the girl so huge and tall?"

"Stop it Varun!" and Jassy almost punched him. "Dare you come out

with such jokes again. Not that I am scared of something. Just see the time that got wasted."

"Time wasted is time well-spent!" the boy put in carelessly. "Why bother? Here, come, let me help you with the rest of the research."

"But we are not supposed to help each other." Jassy seemed firm.

"Okay, then go ahead by yourself but don't blame me if you see another ghost." And the boy chuckled once more.

On another day, Jassy would have just walked away with her nose in the air. But somehow that moment she had suddenly lost her confidence. A strange place, a strange setting, she definitely didn't want to go alone and spot some more hidden shadows. She obediently followed Varun,

Cottage Number 13

Geetha Ganpadee

much to his triumph and by the time the twosome arrived at the study with their drafts, the others had already gulped in their evening tea.

"What took you both so long?" they asked crunching into some coconut cookies.

"Well, Jassy encountered a ghos....." Varun was about to begin as Jassy nudged him. She didn't want to become the butt of everybody's joke. Afterall she was supposed to be Punjab-ka-puttar—a strong and fearless girl as always.

However before the cheeky boy could come up with some other excuse, Mr.Parthasarthy arrived on the scene and sat to discuss the drafted notes. He was pleased with the way the children had shown interest.He then gave them the agenda for the next day. It was going to be the Chef's day out.The children were to take charge of the kitchen and with assistance from other cooks would try their hands at preparing the delicacies from their respective regions.

Anik and Sonali were assigned the fish fries, Momos and roshgullas;

Varun and Raksha would try out the theplas, bondas and jilabees.

Rajeev and Jassy had to prepare paratha, rajma and kheer;

Suresh and Emilda would try their hands at pongal, sambar and plum cake.

They had to meet the respective cooks, jot down the recipes, give in their suggestions if they had any and try to make the entire cuisine as authentic as possible.The children were excited.This was something they were doing for the first time.

"I suddenly saw a shadow appear on the wall..."

"This is not all." Mr.Parthasarthy beamed. "We have many more surprises lined up for you this week. I shall tell you when the time comes so that the excitement is kept alive."

"So now, goodnight children," he added, waving his hands. "Any problem you have, you can call me on the number I've already given you and in case I'm not available, please leave a message at the reception desk. Since you are all exhausted by the long journey, there is no need for you to wake up early tomorrow.We can start the session late."

"Yippee!" the children hailed as they dragged their tired feet towards their respective cottages.

There were lights shining from

most of the cottages and a couple of foreigners were taking a relaxed walk as the girls reached Cottage no.13. Raksha didn't look up at the number since she still had the superstitious notion nagging in her mind and the others dug her playfully on this.

"Oh gosh Raksha, just imagine if we were all to stay in individual cottages and you were to end up in Cottage No.13," Emilda laughed, "All alone!"

"Hey, don't scare the poor girl yaar," Jassy came to her rescue. "You know what, that brat of a Varun just scared the life out of me this afternoon. When I was exploring the Chettinadu house, I suddenly saw a shadow appear on the wall in front of me and when I turned back it just disappeared. Then it kept appearing and disappearing and a few moments later Varun showed up and made fun of my perplexity. I felt like giving him a punch on his nose."

"Oh my! That Varun is capable of doing anything" Emilda agreed. "So, that's why you guys were late, I see."

"Yes, and somehow after that, I didn't feel like roaming about on my own and this boy took the lead and made me walk and walk all around" Jassy cursed.

"I don't know how I'll manage with him tomorrow" - Raksha aired her doubt. "He keeps enforcing his ideas all the time."

"You just be firm and stick to your recipe," Sonali advised. "Afterall, there will be chefs around supervising us and I'm sure it's going to be lot of fun."

"By the way, have you girls tried your hands at cooking so far?"

"No way!" Jassy was loud and clear. "The best thing I can do with food is eating."

"Same here!" Emilda agreed. "But I've watched my Mom bake some of the finest cakes during X-mas. I'm carrying one of her recipes with me and let's see how it'll come out."

"Hmm..my mouth's begun to water already," Jassy said dreamily. "But now let's all get to bed. I'm sure we are going to sleep like logs and not wake up till ten tomorrow morning."

But little did Jassy realize that she was going to wake up much much sooner than that - right in the middle of the night...!

(To be continued)

Jokes

First man: Oh! God, give me a room filled with gold.

Second man: Oh! God, give me a room filled with diamonds...

Third man: Oh! God, give me the key to their rooms.

Father: Did you misbehave in school today?

Son: No, Dad! I was quietly standing on the bench the whole day.

- K.Keerthana Sharma, Std.X, S.V.Union High School, Pune

Love and

Teacher: Mukesh, Why does your notebook look so old?

Mukesh: Because it is my history note book Mam!

- Shruthi Shankkar, Std.V, Vel's Vidyashram, Chennai

"Dear Students... learn to live with love and laughter in the class...?"

"No chance sir... You never tell us any jokes in the class...!"

- G.Sailaxmi, Std. IX, Sri Sarada M.S, Krishnapuram

Neal: You know how to keep a foolish person in suspense.

Nick: No, tell me how...?

Neal: I'll surely tell you some other day!

- S.Vismitha, Std.VIII, Stella Maris, Bengalooru

A farmer used to work a little every night, making a wooden bowl. "What are you doing father?" asked the oldest of his children. "I am making a bowl for grandfather because he breaks all the porcelain bowls. I am making him one he cannot break."

"Make it good and strong" replied the youth.

"So that you can use it later when you grow old."

- M.Shariq Ahmed, Std.IX, G.M.Hr.Sec.School, Vellore

Laughter!

Mrs.Banta: Raju, Why don't donkeys live in the forest?

Raju: Mom, I think it's best to ask this question to a donkey.

- Suresh K.Anjum, Kolkata

"Why did the student bring scissors to school?"

"He wanted to cut class!"

- Krishnaveni, Std.IX, The Oxford Senior Sec.School, Bengalooru

Tips for You

Revision Secrets

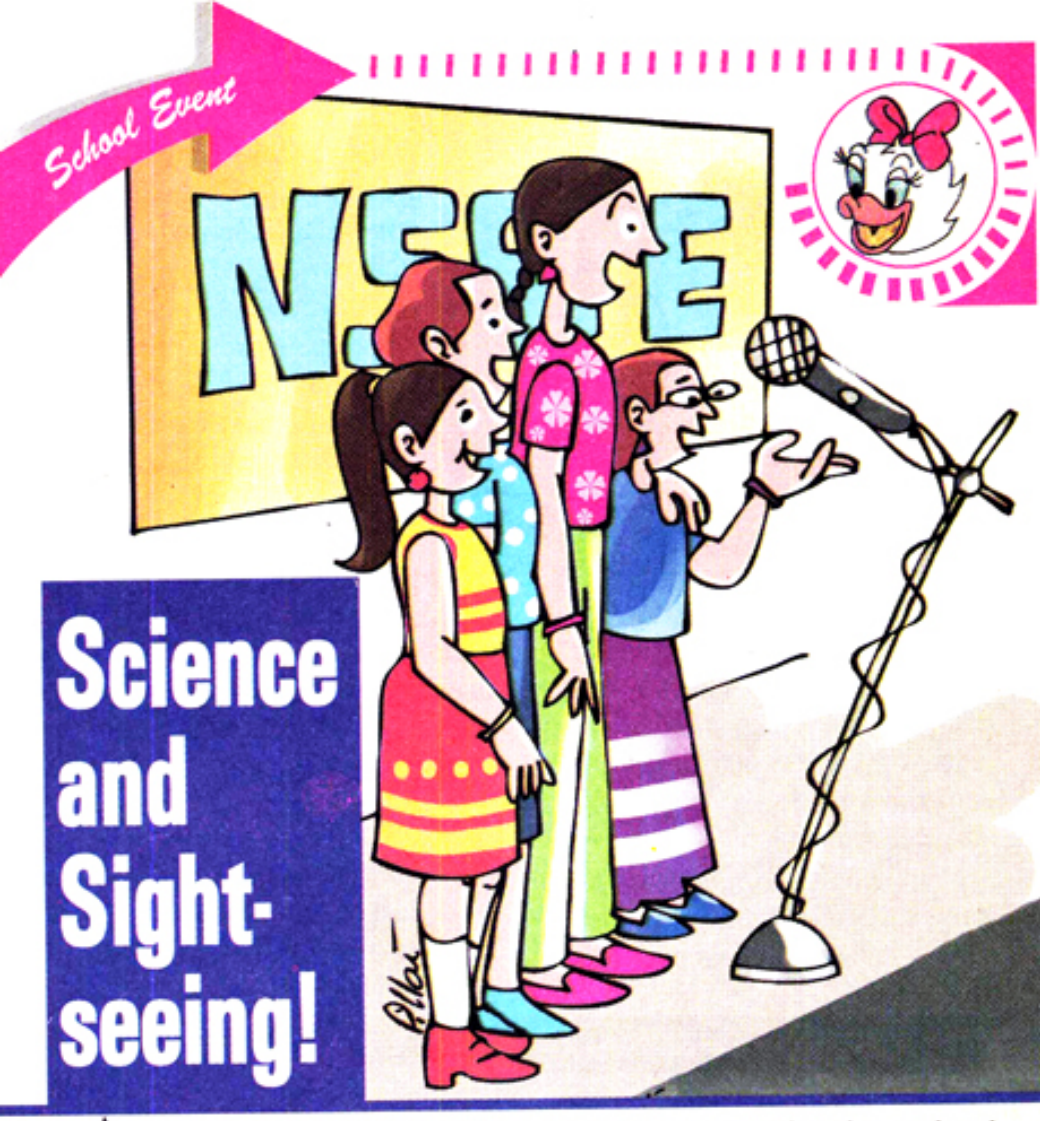
- The golden rule: revise... revise... write 'n' revise!
- Don't revise more than two subjects in a day.
- Make small cards for important formulas, theorems, laws, equations, important dates of history etc., which you could carry in your pocket and read frequently. Beware of carrying these to the exam hall.
- Choose a particular time to revise.
- Fix a target date to finish the revisions for the particular chapter/subject. Keep monitoring your progress accordingly.

(Source: 'The Secret of Scoring High Marks.')

- A. Vandana, Std.XI, D.T.E.A.S.S.S., New Delhi

CITY EXPRESS - CHENNAI

Mahabalipuram, also called Mamallapuram is 60 kilometers south of Chenna. Mahabalipuram was the capital of the Pallava kings around the 7th & 8th centuries. This town boasts of some of the finest rock cut caves & sculptures in the world. The shore temples of Mahabalipuram are an architectural wonder.



Science and Sight-seeing!

As is the practice every year, this year also a National Social Science Exhibition (NSSE) was organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. NSSE is a type of competition where we meet children from different parts of our country. Competitions are first held at cluster level, then regional level and finally national level. These competitions include group dance, group song, English and Hindi debate, quiz and skit. I participated in the group song. The cluster level competition was held at K.V.II, Belgaum, in which we won the first prize. The Regional level competition was held at K.V.MG, Railway Colony, Bengalooru. The National level competition was held at K.V.I Bhubaneshwar (BBSR) Orissa. It was a rare opportunity for all of us who went to Bhubaneshwar.

There were 32 of us with three

teachers as escorts. We represented Bengalooru region. We left Bengalooru on 29th August 2007 and reached Bhubaneswar on 31st August 2007. The competition was held for three days from 1.9.07 to 3.9.07. Our stay and food, in Bhubaneshwar were excellent. There were 18 regions in all, like Chennai, Delhi, Jabalpur, Silchar, Lucknow, Jammu, Punjab region etc. The judges who were invited for competitions were very talented and renowned in their fields. We enjoyed a lot.

It was a rare opportunity for all of us.

On the fourth day we were taken for local sight - seeing. First we visited Puri Jagannath temple, then we had a good time at the Chandrabhaga beach and the Konark temple. Next day we left for Bengalooru.

We were very happy because we had got an opportunity to take part in the nationals although we were disappointed because we didn't win any prize in the contest. However our region i.e Bengalooru region got Ist prize in quiz and 2nd in English debate.

Finally on 7th September we got back home - Belgaum. We all had a great time. I thank Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for holding such competitions for students from all over the country.

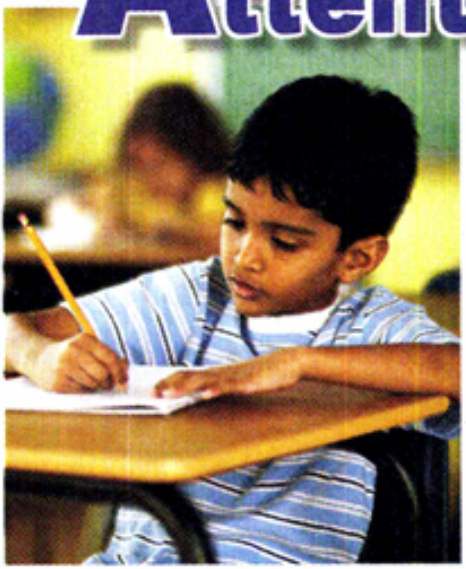
- B.S.Aparna Rao, Std.IX,:
Kendriya Vidyalaya No.2,
Belgaum Cantt, Karnataka

CITY EXPRESS - CHENNAI

Chennai is one of the few cities in the world that accomodates a national park, the Guindy National Park, within its limits.

- A large number of Automotive companies - including both national and international - have manufacturing plants in ard around Chennai.
- Hospitals with high degree of sophistication in Chennai, make it one of the preferred destinations for medical tourists
- Chennai has a fully computerised stock exchange called the Madras Stock Exchange.

Attention,



All GOKULAM Readers and Contributors!

Most of you have been sending us jokes, facts and snippets gathered from the internet or G.K. books. Do show us how original you can be

★ Write your thoughts and ideas on various issues.

★ Report funny happenings at school or home.

★ Do make sure that you put down your name, age, class, school name and residential address on each and every contribution that you send to Gokulam.

★ The best ones will be published and a participation certificate will be sent to the contributor.

★ The child who collects the maximum number of participation certificates will be awarded a special prize at the end of the year (July '07 to June'08). So, please preserve your participation certificates.

★ All competition entries should reach us before the last date mentioned.

★ Entries to Birthday Bash column should reach us along with the approrpiate message and photographs **two months before the birthday.**

★ Do be original in your contributions and creations. If you have based your writing on a source, be sure to acknowledge it and name it and...

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Story

The

Once a boulder was going towards the mountain side. He happened to see a rock which was so huge and healthy. He wanted to become huge, like the rock. He started to pray to God earnestly. One day, God appeared in front of him and asked him what he wanted.

The boulder said, "Lord! I look so small and insignificant. I want to become big like the rock. Please make me big."

God said, "This is greed. You should be satisfied with what you have. Your appearance is good. You have a shining body. This is enough for you." The boulder replied, "No God! I am not satisfied with my size. Please make me big."

God again asked him, "If you become big, your weight will increase. You won't be able to walk swiftly." Again the boulder replied, "Please don't make me heavy; just make be big and light. You could fill air inside my body, so that it becomes big and light."

God agreed and made him big by gushing air into the boulder. Mr. Boulder now thought he was a mighty Rock and was very happy. The next day, he went to the

Chennai hosts a large cultural event, The Annual Madras Music Season, which includes performances by hundreds of artistes.

- The city is home to much of India's automobile Industry and is the country's second largest exporter of information technology (IT). Tidel Park is one of the largest software parks in India.
- It is bound by problems of water shortages, traffic congestion and air pollution.
- Chennai was the only Indian city to be attacked by the central powers during world war I, when an oil depot was shelled by the German light cruiser 'SMS Emden' on September 22, 1914.

rock and boasted about himself. Suddenly a heavy wind started to blow. The boulder turned 'Rock' just disappeared!

The Rock searched high and low for the boulder. It was not to be seen anywhere.

Boastful Boulder

In the meanwhile, the air- filled boulder started to fly; he couldnot control himself. He began to feel sorry for his greed and wanted to tell God to make him small again. But hardly could he find his breath to call out to God for help. The heavy wind banged him on to a big rock and the boulder shattered to pieces!

- P.Akshayaa, Std.IV,
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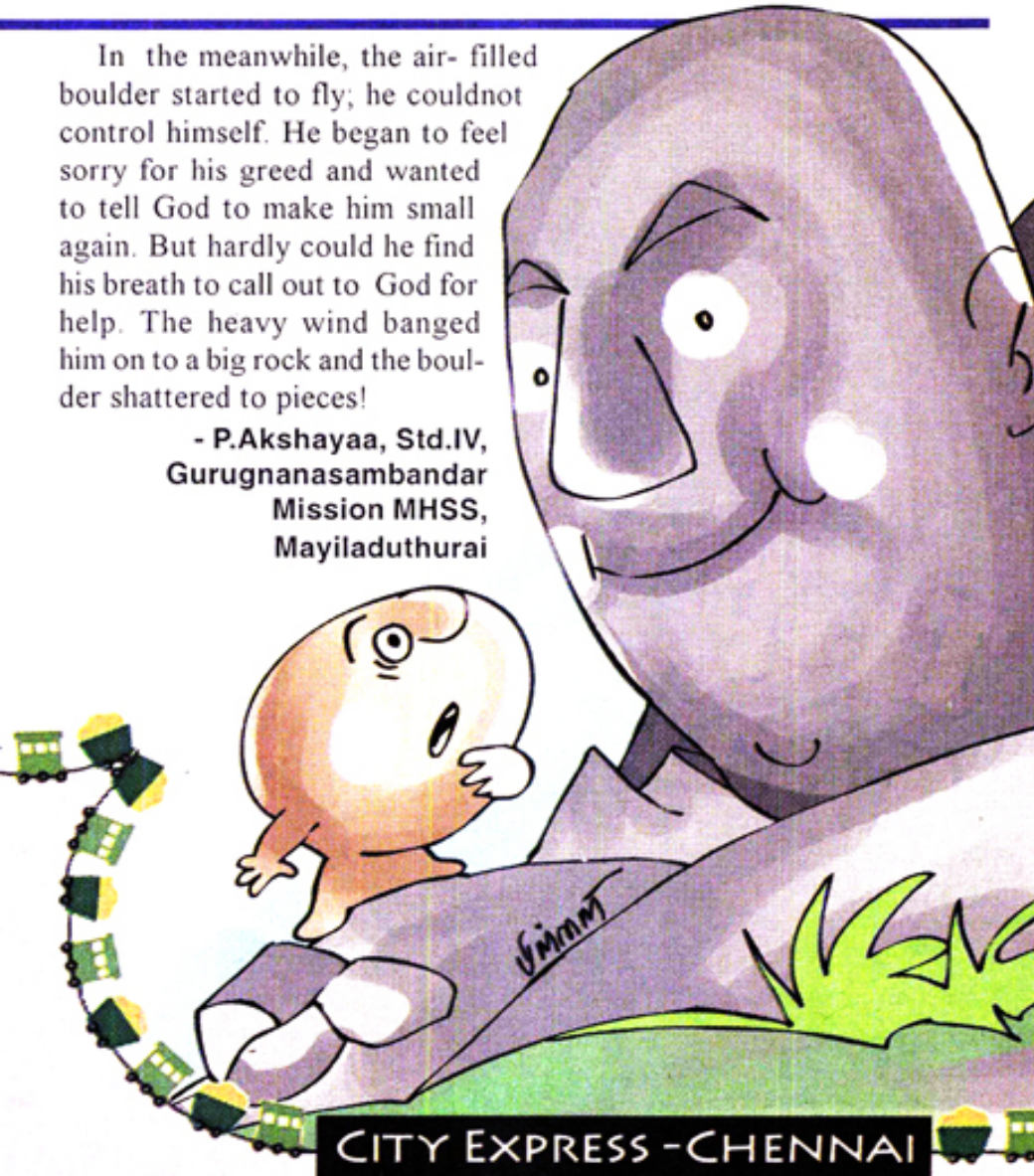
Mission MHSS,
Mayiladuthurai



Trip to Thailand

Excitement was etched on the face of each and every IXth grader, as we boarded the flight to Thailand.

Bidding farewell to our folks and with a 'confident Dad and worried Mom' picture imprinted in my heart, I waved to them as I boarded the plane. 'Thailand, the land of white elephants'. Here we come!

Our Guide Mr. Velu and our class teacher with the help of an air hostess showed us to our seats and I clutched my passport and documents for dear life.

"Forty five children and only two teachers to mind them. What a strain!" commented an old grandma, probably ninety years old, travelling alone to Thailand.

"Sabbathika...Sabbathika" (which means welcome...welcome in Thai language) - our guide Kate in Thailand welcomed us.

Our Hotel "Beverly Plaza" looked awesome and the food was amazing! Sandwiches, croissants, hamburgers, pizza... What a change from idli's and dosa's!

We went to the zoo, where we got into a big toy train and we were able to see pelicans and zebras in their natural environment.

The beach took us by storm. I loved the paradiving. A parachute was tied on to me and we were controlled by the ship...ooh! It was lovely and my friend Bhadri shot a lovely picture of me paradiving.

• A picture at the zoo

Thai money is known as Baht. (One Baht is equal to about ninety paise).

Thai people are honest. They have a king and he is called "Poovipathi".

The shopping malls were quite big and I had a glorious time shopping. We got so many gifts for our folks, back home. I got lovely shirts with Thai elephants printed on them and a lion tee-shirt which had 'Onan' written on it. ('Onan' in Thai means lion).

Cleanliness is the greatest asset of the Thai people. If one litters the roads he could get imprisoned for a day! Shop-lifting could get one into a dark cell!

We had a nice time in Thailand, where elephants are the most important animals. Thailand is even called the land of white elephants and I caught a glimpse of an elephant playing football! Cricket is not popular in Thailand, but they love football.

I'll now say Lago Lago (which means bye-bye) and wind up my travelogue.

- Ajay Ashok,
Std.IX,
St.Michael's Academy,
Chennai

Did you Know?

Why do Stars Twinkle?

Twinkle twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are... Did you ever wonder why stars twinkle? Then here is the answer.

Our earth is surrounded by atmosphere. There is vacuum beyond the atmosphere. The gases present in the atmosphere are constantly in motion. Because of the movement of gases, the density of air in the atmosphere is not uniform everywhere. When the light from the star enters our atmosphere, it gets deviated from its path several times before reaching our eyes, because of the changing density of air.

The deviation in the path of light in its passage from one medium to another is called 'refraction'. Because of this refraction the light reaching our eyes from the star varies. Due to this variation the stars appear to be twinkling.

The sun, moon and the planets do not appear to be twinkling as they are very near to the earth as compared to the stars. They appear bigger than the stars. Hence the angles subtended by the moon, sun and planets at our eyes are larger than the angles subtended by the stars.

Because of this, our eyes are not able to detect the deviation in the path of light from the sun, moon and the planets.

(Source: Children's Knowledge Bank)

- Maruvada Sameera,
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Visakhapatinam

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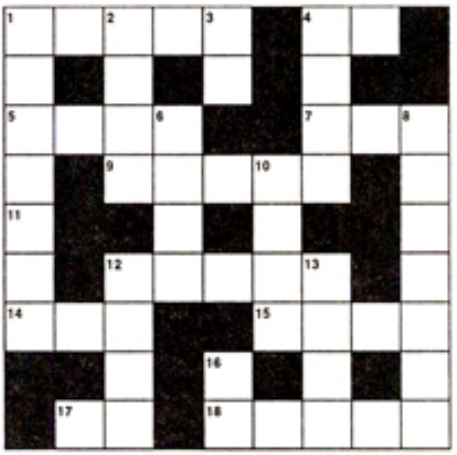

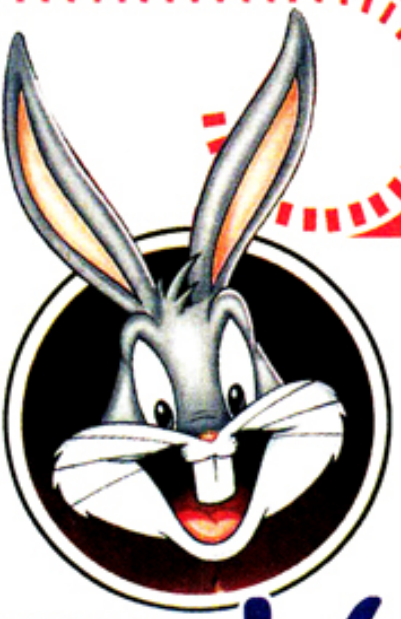

Gullu's Crossword-6

CLUES:

Across

1. This popular jester's birth place was Tenali (5)
4. An expression of laughter (2)
5. An expression of pain! (4)
7. Live and ..... live (3)
9. Laurel is one. Who is the other? (5)
12. A punctuation mark indicating a pause (5)
14. Repent. (3)
15. Mister..... is sure to make us smile and laugh (4)
17. The short form of a super sized garment! (2)
18. Common black birds which R.K.Laxman loved (5)

Down

1. A cock (7)
2. "..... ado about nothing" is a comedy play by Shakespeare (4)
3. Change on to answer in negative (2)
4. Pure and divine (4)
6. Circle of light around a godly person. (4)
8. They pay rent to house-owners (7)
10. It also means dull or stupid. (4)
12. A tiny particle of life (4)
13. All vowels - except the last one (4)
16. Out of courtesy, in short! (2)

- G.S.S

Gullu's Crossword - 4

1 S	I	2 V	A	K	A	3 S	I	■
P	■	I	■	■	■	C	■	4 I
5 E	R	R	■	6 G	R	E	E	N
E	■	■	■	L	■	N	■	C
D	■	7 F	R	O	N	T	■	F
I	■	O	■	R	■	■	■	E
8 L	O	R	R	Y	■	9 T	E	A
Y	■	C	■	■	■	I	■	S
■	10 H	E	A	D	A	C	H	E

Congratulations!

Here are the winners of Gullu's Crossword - 4 (November 2007) and the solutions as well. The results of Gullu's Crossword - 5 will be published in the February 2008 issue.

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5. R.S.Naveen, Std.IX, Holy Infant Jesus M.H. Sec.School, Chennai - 72

Gullu's Crossword - 6 ENTRY FORM

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Age : ..... Class .....

School : .....

*Residential Address : .....

..... Pin .....

Signature : .....

* Local address is a must for overseas entries.

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Hello, Doctor

● **Aswinkumar, Bengalooru**

? What is 'root canal' treatment?

! Our tooth has several structures. One among them is the dental pulp. It lies within the layers of the tooth. Situations like tooth decay and fracture of tooth may damage the pulp and lead to 'pulp exposure'. A 'root canal treatment' is advised in such situations. In this procedure, all tooth decay is removed; the nerve fibres and blood vessels in the pulp area are frozen and finally the area is filled with root canal filling materials. After a few weeks, a cap is fixed on the tooth. Thus it is the treatment which aims at removing the infection from an infected tooth, without removing the tooth itself.

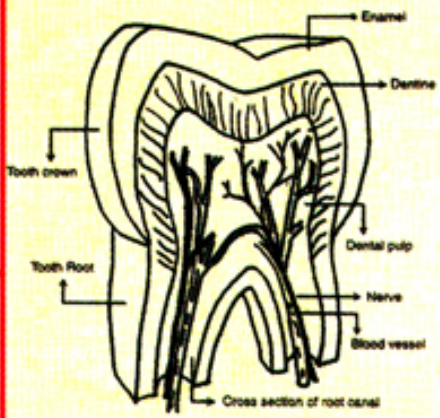


Fig. 6: Cross-section of a tooth.

● **N.Swetha Priya, Chennai**

? Which food gives 100 percent energy to our body?

! Food energy is calculated in terms of 'calories'. Every food item varies in its calorific value. This variation is due to the amount of carbohydrates, proteins and fats in each of them. For example, one cup of milk gives 200 calories whereas a cup of coconut water gives 45 calories. This is because milk contains a large amount of fat, carbohydrate and protein while coconut water has a less amount of them. Generally, fats are more concentrated sources of energy than carbohydrates and proteins. Choose and eat food that is most suited to your activities.

Do Bananas

Dr.G.Ganesan

● **Abhishek Chatterjee, Bhubaneswar**

? My uncle says that during common cold, eating banana should be avoided as it increases phlegm formation in our lungs. Is this true, doctor?

! No, it is not true, Abhishek. Banana is a nourishing fruit. It is rich in carbohydrates and also contains several vitamins and minerals. It is a fibre source too. It gives us energy and helps in digestion of food. It is not at all connected with phlegm formation. Phlegm is formed mainly because of micro organisms like bacteria, viruses which invade into the lungs.

● **R.Rajashree, Chennai - 24**

? I am overweight and want to become slim. I don't get time to exercise since I have to go to classes in the morning. Please suggest some measures to become slim?

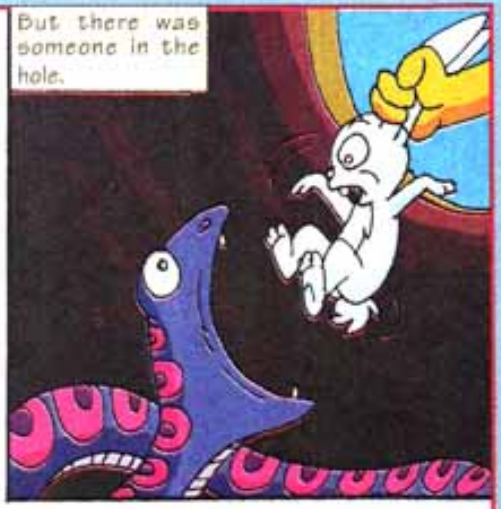
! You should have a healthy meal routine. Eat three or four well balanced meals a day. At each meal, eat well but don't overeat. Eating slowly, chewing the morsel thoroughly, preparing smaller portions and helpings will help to reduce weight. Avoid fatty foods like egg, meat, ghee, butter, vanaspati, sweets, soft drinks and cakes. Avoid spicy and fried foods. Prefer fresh fruits. Eat a variety of foods. Don't eat while watching TV or reading since this will result in overeating. Increase your physical activities. You must allot at least 15 minutes daily in your busy schedule to exercise at your home. Yoga can help. You may walk or cycle short distances instead of taking a bus and take the stairs instead of the lift.

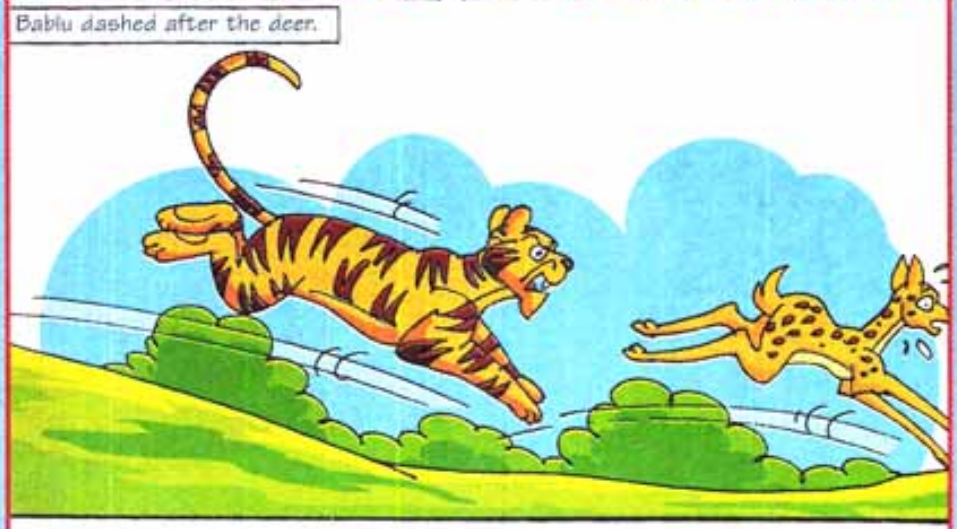
Cause a Cold?

An Escape

A Jingle Bell Creation

Let him remain here for a while.


But there was someone in the hole.


Bablu dashed after the deer.

But...
Hol Is she an olympian?

Well, rabbit soup will be good enough.
Rascal! You swallowed my prey.
Don't kill me. Take it...
Hum... don't try to fool me.
Nor me!

New Year Mobile

Mobiles are great fun to make. And once they are made they can give great pleasure, especially, if you hang them where there is some movement in the air. It is enchanting to watch them swing.

Things needed:

- Thread
- Old coat hanger
- Cardboard
- Hole puncher
- Colourful paints

Method:

Draw your favourite figures like sun, moon, stars or flowers on a cardboard. Paint them colourfully and cut them out. Punch a hole at the top of each figure and insert a thread. Tie the pieces to the coat hanger. Hang this dangler up in your balcony or near a window where there is some breeze. It would also make a nice new year gift for your friends.

- J.Vishnu, Std. IX, Shiksha Kendra MHSS, Vellore

Penpals

Friendship

Name: **P. Eniyan**
Age : 15
Address : No. 40, Brindavan Nagar Main Road, Selaiyur, Chennai - 600 073.
Hobbies : Reading, drawing, writing poems, watching T.V., listening to music, playing chess, collecting stamps.

Name: **Megha S.Kumar**
Age : 11
Address : CSB Staff Quarters, Flat # 16/42, Door D-7, Lalbagh West, Vanivilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bengalooru - 560 004.
Hobbies : Playing, reading novels, watching movies, painting, listening to music.

Name: **A. Suganya**
Age : 16
Address : 143, Balaji Arcade, Near Samundi Nagar, Odaimedu, Thindal Post, Erode - 9.
Hobbies : Reading books, gardening, listening to music, philately, collecting coins.

Name: **J.Keerthy Sharanya**
Age : 11
Address : 48, Annaswamy Layout, Robertsonpet, K.G.F, Karnataka - 563 122.
Hobbies : Dancing, drawing, gardening, collecting coins and stamps of other countries, photography, making friends, keeping my diary.

Name: **S.Arjun Babu**
Age : 15
Address : 20,J, Sencottah Road, Tenkasi - 627 811.
Hobbies : Collecting stamps and coins, making friends, grooming pets, surfing the net.

Name: **Sunita Nair**
Age : 17
Address : B/1, 701, Safal Complex, Sec-19-A, Nerul, Navi Mumbai - 400 706
Hobbies : Surfing the net, reading books, listening to music, playing badminton and making new friends.

Name: **M.Aiswarya**
Age : 11
Address : 'Sai Sri', 6/2133, New Road, Mattancherry, Kochi-2.

Hobbies : Playing video games, making friends, reading story books.

Name: **Siddhant Behera**

Age : 10

Address : B2/5, SBI Colony, near Jubilee Park, Sector-8, Rourkela - 769 009.

Hobbies : Cycling, painting, playing computer games, reading adventurous books, playing cricket, watching action movies and making friends.

Name: **Andrie Allan Aonak Bagang**

Age : 15

Address : c/o. Divyajyoti Saikhia V.K.V.Nivedita Vihar, Seijosa, East Kaoneng, Arunachal Pradesh.

Hobbies : Photography, travelling, writing, reading and fine arts.

Mail!

Name: **Jironin Khyoda**

Age : 15

Address : c/o:Reena Chetri, V.K.V.Nivedita Vihar, Seijosa, East Kaoneng, Arunachal Pradesh - 790 103.

Hobbies : Dancing, cooking, listening to music and shopping.

Name: **Sohan U.Bhat**

Age : 12

Address : c/o. Prashant. I.Lakkundi, H.No.44, 12th Cross, Gurukrupa building, Vidyagiri, Bagalkot - 587 102.

Hobbies : Collecting stamps, playing tennis, reading books, working on projects etc.

Name: **G.Siddarth**

Age : 9

Address : H-28, Mount View Apartments, Sathuvachari, Vellore - 632 009.

Hobbies : Chess, computer games, reading story books.

Name: **B.N.Anjali**

Age : 14

Address : 299, 'Sriranga', K.H.B. Colony, Nanjangud - 571 301.

Hobbies : Watching Harry Potter movies, reading story books, playing computer games, playing with my pet.

Name: **P.Alekhya**

Age : 14

Address : 506-C, BHEL, township, Ramachandrapuram, Hyderabad - 500 032.

Hobbies : Surfing the net, reading Harry Potter books, singing, chatting, philately, sports.

Name: **Ananya Mishra**

Age : 13

Address : H.No. 9, Sai Prashanthi Apartments, Sai Nagar, V.Puram, Alwal, Secunderabad - 500 015.

Hobbies : Listening to music, collecting casettes and songs, collecting books, helping my mom, setting my room.

Viewpoint

A little lip gloss or lipstick and a nice hair style will do no harm. Use of cosmetics should not be ruled out; we kids need to look smart too! But excess should be avoided and we must not be keen to imitate elders. It is better to use beauty aids with guidance from parents.

- J.A.Balakumar, Std.VII, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Valasapalle; Manasvini Mukund, Std.VI, P.S.S.S. School, Chennai

Question for this month

Should extra-curricular activities and art pursuits be set aside for the sake of board exams?

Send us your views by 15.1.2008. Each published entry will receive a prize of Rs. 25/-. Remember to include details of your age, class, school and residential address. Those of you who are non - residents of India should send us a local (Indian) address too. You can send entries by post or by e.mail (gokulam@kalkiweekly.com)

Inner beauty is more important than external appearance. We should not try to deceive with unnatural looks.

- G.P.Praveen, Std.IX, Sri Akilandeshwari Vidyalaya, Trichy.

I strongly believe that cosmetics should be used only for stage programmes and that too with great care. Using them for regular outings is useless and a waste of time.

- V.Aishwarya, Std VII, BVB's Nagarjuna Vidyaniketan, Bengalooru; V.Aparna, Std.IX, Duthie Girls H.S.S, Nagercoil; Abel Thomas, Std.V, Secunderabad.

Cosmetics will harm young skin. The chemicals present in them may cause allergies or diseases. Children are not aware of the ill-effects. Continuous use can damage skin permanently. Herbal cosmetics may be

A Waste of Time and Money!

used sparingly.

- Gayathri Sithampalam, Grade 9, Belvoir College International; Vyshali Bhat, Std.VIII, Little Rock Indian School, Udupi; Roshni G.Rao, Std.IX, Jain Vidyalaya, Davangere; V.M.Vivek Mohan, Std.XI, St.Xavier's Collegiate school, Kolkata; M.Akshayaa, Std.IX, Sri Sitaram Vidhyalaya M.H.R.S, Chennai; R.Madhu, Std.VIII, P.S.B.B.S.S.S, Chennai - 78; Shreyanka Shetty, Std.VI, Sharada Vidyalaya, Mangalore.

We should not ape or crave for all that is shown on TV. We would look like buffoons if we used cosmetics! They are meant only for adults.

- Satish Shankar Barai, Std.IX, St.Andrew's Institute, Vasco Da Gama; G.Siddarth, Std.IV, Shrishti Vidhyashram, Vellore; Divya Das, Std.X, V.K.V, Port Blair.

Cosmetics like nail polish can enter our body accidentally while eating. Anyway, children have natural beauty. So, why risk cosmetics?

- Shradhaa, Std.V, Primrose School, Pondicherry; J.Vishnu, Std.IX, Shiksha Kendra M.H.S.S, Vellore; R.Roshma, Std.VII, P.S.B.B.S.S.S, Chennai - 78

Cosmetics are tested on animals and it is cruel to even indirectly support this by using the products.

- G.Sushil Vasan, Std.VII, D.A.V Senior Secondary School, Chennai.

Money wasted on cosmetics could be productively spent on books.

- V.Sriram, Std.VIII, MESKK, Bengalooru; K.Karen, Std.IX, Nirmala M.H.S.S, Chidambaram.

Children are distracted from studies when they start using cosmetics. I think kids should not use them.

- G.Jananee, Std.VII, Mahathma Gandhi Centenary Vidyalaya, Trichy.

Book Review

A MAGICAL

Avantika Kannan

"Hi folks! I've just returned from a rollicking adventure..." begins Poorva in 'her' book Poorva-Magic, Miracles and the Mystical Twelve. "Believe it... because I saw the lives of the twelve fantastic saint-poets ... unfold before my very eyes." Having read the book, I will vouch for Poorva's experience.

Author, Lakshmi Devnath, has given a vivid description of the events that occurred centuries ago, through the eyes of an eleven year old, who lives in the twenty-first century.

The Azhwars (saint-poets) were great devotees of Lord Vishnu, and their Tamil poems contain the gist of the Sanskrit Vedas. The protagonist, Poorva, travels into the past with Swami Thatha, her grand-uncle, who has mysterious powers that activate mind boggling events. So do we, the readers. She witnesses the important events in the lives of the Azhwars (quite similar to using a pensieve in Harry Potter).

The journey is indeed a "package of suspense and surprises" making the book very special and there is not a single dull moment. The ingenuous and racy narration quickly transports one to a world of her creation - a blend of history, philosophy, spirituality - and fantasy and action too! Written in good, simple English, the book spreads the message and the story of the Azhwars, breaking all geographical and linguistic barriers. The author has selected many verses from the works of these poets and provided the translation, which enrich the reading experience.

The chapter division is very good and incidents that take place around the same period have been grouped

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together. Illustrations (by Tarit Bhattacharjee) are an added bonus for the readers. A glossary is provided at the end, for words that have been used from Indian languages, and there is a fact-file too. This remedies the extensive usage of Tamil expressions in the narration. The author could have, however, added the pronunciation for these words.

An enchanting experience for readers - adults and children alike - this book is sure to be a hit with NRIs and foreigners who are keen on learning more about Indian culture, tradition and history, but are unable to do so, because of the language (Sanskrit and other regional) and complicated explanations.

Poorva says, "But I must not tell you too much. Discover for yourself the thrill of conquering time and space. Bon Voyage." The book (priced at Rs.195/-) has been published by *EastWest Books (Madras) Pvt. Ltd., 571, P.H. Road, Aminjikarai, Chennai 600 029. (Email:ewb@airtelbroad band. in)*. After reading the book, don't forget to share your experiences with Poorva (Email: poorva_magicmiracles@ yahoo.co.in).

Chennai, the capital of the state Tamilnadu was earlier known as Madras.

- Madras was founded in 1639 by the East India Company. The city grew up around the English settlement of Fort St.George and gradually absorbed the surrounding towns and villages.

- Chennai, the gateway to the south, is an Eponym, etymologically derived from Chennapatnam a village that grew up around Fort St. George and was named after Damarla Chennapa Nayak, father of the ruling chieftain of the village.

- Sri Lankan ace spinner Muthiah Muralitharan is married to a Chennai bride.

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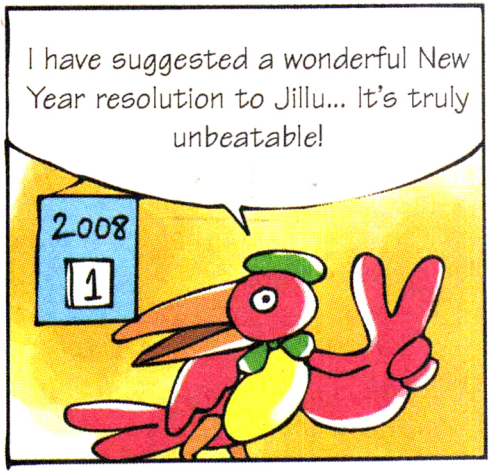

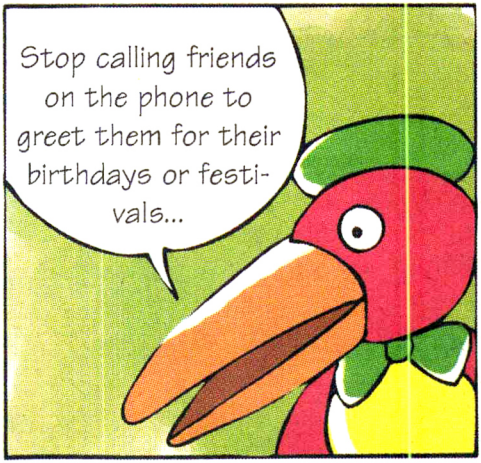

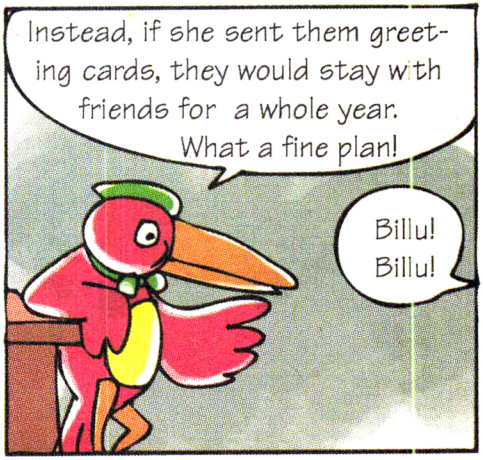

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